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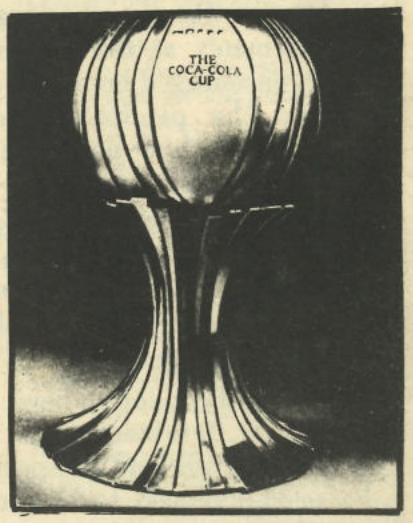

By David Jack

West Germany, Romania, England or Qatar . . . take your pick for the winners of the 1981 World Youth Championships for the Coca-Cola Cup.

Tomorrow's semi-final line up is:—
Romania v West Germany in Melbourne.
England v Qatar in Sydney.

It's a wide open situation as we approach the concluding matches in the WYC.

Having left several star players at home, because clubs refused to release them, West Germany and England have done remarkably well to survive to the last four.

Qatar, also, have done well after entering the series as 500 to 1 outsiders.

Perhaps the only semi-finalist which could have been predicted is Romania.

The Romanians have had a thorough preparation, spending the past couple of years working with two separate squads of Uner 20's, before marrying the pick of the crop for the trip to Australia.

That's sensible planning and it deserves success. I think Romania will win the 1981 Coca-Cola Cup.

The Germans looked a useful side against Australia in Canberra, with defender Michael Zorc and left-winger Roland Wohlfarth their outstanding performers on the day.

England get better every match but even their greatest admirers must admit the squad here in Australia is far from representative of the country's talent in this age group.

What can we say about Qatar? They may have been a bit of a joke before the Championships kicked off but no opponents laugh about them now. Qatar have the results on the board — which is more than the giants of Argentina, Italy or Poland can boast.

Finally, a word for the Australian squad. They performed marvellously and were particularly well-prepared.

Most important of all, the Youth Socceroos exhibited unexpected skills and did not, as many expected, rely 95 per cent on speed and aggression to get results.

There is hope for the future of Soccer in Australia, providing outstanding youngsters like Steve Blair, Oscar Crino, Paul Kay and David Mitchell and the rest see their future here — not in some foreign land.

REFEREE MENAGELE SAYS "PLAY ON" AS URUGUAY'S FRANCESCOLI (10) GETS CLEAR AGAINST ROMANIA

AUSSIE MEMORIES

By Steve Burns

Mark Koussas cried. The 14,000-plus crowd, the biggest ever to watch a Soccer match in Canberra, clapped Australia off the field. They had gone down 1-0 fighting against West Germany.

It was a magnificent performance by the young Australians who many had written off before the game began.

Yet Koussas, until this game the leading goalscorer in the WYC, missed the classic opportunity to fire Australia level — from the penalty spot.

It came in the 74th minute — just five minutes after West Germany's Roland Wohlfarth had headed his side into the lead.

The crowd fell silent as Koussas ran in to take the penalty.

In the split second that it took for Koussas to strike the ball West Germany's goalkeeper, Rudiger Vollborn, became his country's hero.

He read it perfectly, dived to his left and made a fine full-length save.

Australia was out of the World Youth Cup yet even after the penalty setback they fought to the very end.

Right on the whistle Koussas found the net for Australia from a cross by Robert Wheatley and it looked good, but even before the ball entered the net Danish referee, Mr Lund-Sorensen, had blown for an infringement on Vollborn

But the cream of Australia's youthful Soccer talent covered themselves with glory.

Koussas may relive and relive his penalty miss for the rest of his life. Others will relive the crowd's standing ovation for Australia as they left the field.

Australia began in explosive fashion and had West Germany back-pedalling. Koussas made a great run down the left flank and his cross found David Mitchell's head but the ball went wide.

Yet with their very first raid West Germany showed the composure and strength of its attack.

Wohlfarth broke down the left crossed for Thomas Herbst to make a great header which Australia's goalkeeper, Glen Ahearn, did well to tip over the bar.

But Australia kept coming forward.

They matched the West German side in skill and zest — and certainly in attacking flair.

But they couldn't find the vital gap in West Germany's defence in which libero Michael Zorc and Martin Trieb were the heroes.

In the 32nd minute West Germany almost found the net when a shot from Herbst was kicked off the goal-line by Steve Blair.

Only minutes later Wohlfarth squeezed in a shot from the left flank that hit the post.

Yet all of this was against the run of play.

West Germany's traditional composure had

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EDITORIAL

The city of Sydney should hang its head in shame after having to stage world championship matches at an ancient sporting arena called the Sports Ground.

We cannot blame the Australian Soccer Federation for the last-minute switch of the Cricket Ground. In the circumstances, the ASF dealt with a crisis reasonably capably.

Neither can we blame the Federation for the shocking security arrangements at the Sports Ground which encouraged hundreds of louts to invade the pitch and conduct a sickening pitched battle on the day England played Argentina.

The ASF is also blameless over the sub-standard lights at the Sports Ground, the worst illumination ever known in a world championship.

Yet somebody must be blamed. Some guilty people have much to answer for. It is indefensible that a city of Sydney's size and prosperity should be so ill-equipped to handle a major sporting event.

What on earth have NSW State Governments been doing over the years? What has the Sydney City Council done to assist? Why the appalling apathy and lethargy which causes the people of Australia's largest city to tolerate such things?

The Sports Ground, for all its faults, has potential. It is just big enough to handle matches attracting 15,000 to 25,000 spectators — which would not cost a fortune — and it would be an acceptable proposition as an alternative to the SCG.

First priority must be to double the power of the floodlights, enabling serious matches to be played there at night.

Secondly, the quaint, old-fashioned "grand stands" should be replaced by a structure more in keeping with 20th century requirements. After this is done, another stand on the opposite side should be built.

With these basic improvements, plus a few extras like modern dressing rooms, toilets and catering facilities, the Sports Ground could be classed an adequate stadium.

Surely the State Government and its new Minister of Sport Mike Cleary dare not plead poverty for ignoring such essential work. Just a fraction of poker machine tax or the rake-off from Lotto, Pools or State lotteries would amply cover the cost.

Sydney does not need a Maracana, a San Siro or a Bernebeu next door to the SCG.

But it certainly does need an acceptable venue, be it ever so humble, where serious outdoor sport can be conducted. Surely this is not too much to ask from Mr Cleary and his colleagues.

FOOTNOTE: The Seiko-Tiger Games were held at Sydney Sports Ground last Sunday and several of the world's greatest athletes were invited to compete. They ran on grass! That is the ultimate condemnation of sporting facilities in the proud city of Sydney.

AUSTRALIA'S DAVID MITCHELL HEADS FOR GOAL, SPLITTING WEST GERMANY'S DEFENCE

GABOR STEERS ROMANIA INTO SEMI-FINALS

by Peter Georgiou

Two brilliant free-kicks by specialist Romulus Gabor, and a fantastic save by goalkeeper, Lovas, put Romania into the semi finals after a thrilling game against Uruguay which they won 2-1.

The crowd of 16,000 saw brilliant attacking football by Uruguay and excellent defending by Romania.

Uruguay had most of the game but it was the Romanians who first opened the score in the 23rd minute with a free kick by their specialist, Romulus Gabor, who beat the wall and put the ball into the net from a very difficult angle.

The Uruguayans recovered quickly from the shock but it was the solid defence of Romania that they couldn't break as Lovas made a good save in the 35th minute from a shot by Aguilera. Romania lost a perfect chance to double the score at the 37th minute and two minutes later Aguilera again put the reflexes of Lovas to the test with a hard shot.

Coming back in the second half Uruguay was determined to go into the semi finals but again the brilliant Andone denied them two goals clearing the ball twice off the line within two minutes.

But the Uruguayans persisted with some excellent play by Noble and Franzescoli and at the 60th minute equalised with Bereutta who slammed the ball into the net picking the rebound from a save by Lovas.

It was again Lovas at the 74th minute who saved his team diving into the feet of Noble and yet six minutes later made another brilliant save after a shot by the same player.

Eight minutes before the end it was left to the free kick specialist, Gabor, to make it 2-1.

The Uruguayans gave a free kick about five metres outside the big area and the Romanian winger again with a willing shot pinned the ball into the upper corner giving Arias no chance.

As the last seconds were ticked away Lovas virtually won the match for Romania when he made a fantastic save from a shot by Lopez five metres away from the line.

The Uruguayans broke down into tears as referee, Mr Menegalli, blew the whistle ending the quarter final.

The Uruguayans displayed some magnificent Soccer but it was also the good defending tactics by Romanian that kept them at bay.

After the game both coaches had this to say.

Tserniaku (Romania): "You might say that luck goes everywhere a Soccer game is played but I thought we beat Uruguay fairly and we created more chances than they did. Bear in mind that today we missed Costel Ilie who is injured and I might miss him for the semi final as well. I admit that Lovas' save could be a match winner but he was also responsible, along with the defending players, for the equalising goal that we conceded. Uruguay is the best team I've seen so far."

Bentancor (Uruguay): "We played better than Romania but I guess our mistake was that we tried to break their solid defence in the centre where they were impregnable while we could attack from the wings coming in with the ball, avoiding lobbing passes. We are of course disappointed because I think we were the better team. One must give credit to the defenders of Romania and that brilliant save by their goalkeeper in the last minute. I think Romania will go to the final and they're likely to play England."

Best players from Romania were Andone, Matei, Gabor and the goalkeeper, Lovas. For Uruguay Noble was excellent followed by a good performances from Vazquez, Bereutta and Francescoli.

YELLOW CARDS: Gabor (25), Balint (56), Sertov (87).

REFEREE: Mr Menegali (Italy).

CROWD: 16,000.

ROMANIA: Lovas, Eduardo, Andone, Rednic, Matei, Balint, Balaur, Hanghiuc (Bolba 86), Zamfir (Fizke 66), Sertov, Gabor.

URUGUAY: Arias, Gutierrez, Pena, Vazquez, Berruetta, Melian, Aguilera, Lopez, De Silva, Francescoli, Noble.

BRAZIL FALL TO BRILLIANT QATAR

by Ian Smith

The International Sports Centre crowd of just on 13,000 was enthralled as tiny Qatar humbled the might of Brazil with a late penalty.

Qatar with a 3-2 victory, were justly rewarded by gaining a semi-final berth against England in Sydney tomorrow night.

The game was played in magnificent spirit which was only dampened slightly by the agitated Brazilian official who attempted to get at the referee after the penalty had been given.

Qatar were applauded off the pitch, and the fine Brazilian team should realise that the booing that ensued was for the official really and not for them.

The Brazilians started with only one recognised striker. Qatar did not have their opponents' fluency but they certainly won their share of the ball.

As early as the eighth minute Qatar were ahead after they got a great ball behind the Brazilian defence, enabling Khalid Almuhannadi to dash through the centre of the defence and put the ball in from 20 metres out.

This early reverse fired Brazil, who turned on some of the very best football of the tournament.

They passed first-time under pressure, showed complete understanding and generally gave an object lesson in the football arts.

Ronaldo netted from 12 metres before half-time after a splendid interpassing effort which featured four players.

The big crowd expected Brazil to dominate affairs, but Qatar produced almost equal skills and showed tons of enthusiasm.

Qatar's efforts found just reward in the 58th minute. They worked the ball ahead until three Qataris faced two Brazilian defenders, and Almuhannadi struck again from 12 metres to put his team in the lead.

Play flowed from end to end in magnificent fashion; then in the 75th minute a Brazilian corner resulted and Ronaldo knocked the ball home for a 2-2 score.

Then the Brazilians were in strife. The ball struck a defender on the upper part of the arm in the penalty area, and he propelled it forward with a reflex action.

Almuhannadi's penalty kick sent the Brazilian keeper the wrong way.

Brazil did not contest the penalty decision apart from two players, but the frustration of knowing that a favourable result was getting beyong them caused them to lose some composure for the first time in the match.

Qatar held them off in approved fashion to win out 3-2.

Mexican referee Antonio R. Marquez gave a fine performance in what was a magnificent advertisement for the Soccer code.

QATAR: Almajid, Alsowaidi, Ahmed, Mayouf, Almas, Salem, Afifa, Almuhannadi, Beleal, Alsada, Mohamadi.

BRAZIL: Pereira, Luiz Antonio, Galvao, Paulo Roberto, Julio Cesar, Castro (Verdum de Oliveira 58), Josimar, Leomir, Baia (Goncalves Vita 69), Paulo Cesar, Ronaldo.

REFEREE: A.R. Marquez (Mexico).

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been under severe threat and only their sheer experience, backline understanding and quick break ability kept them in the race.

Paul Kay put Jim Patikas through in the 52nd minute and only Vollborn's sound anticipation and quick reflexes saved the day for he moved out rapidly and charged down Patikas' shot.

The longer the game went the more confident one was that Australia might do the impossible.

Then came West Germany's goal. And it was a good goal from a quick break situation.

Wohlfarth deserved it — just as Australia deserved the equaliser five minutes later.

But it wasn't to be.

Australia bowed out.

But it was truly a game to treasure and remember for a Soccer lifetime.

AUSTRALIA: Ahearn; Wheatley, Crino, Blair, Tredinnick; Incantalupo (Lee 45), Raskopoulos (Hunter 77), Kay, Patikas; Mitchell, Koussas.

WEST GERMANY: Vollborn, Winklhofer, Schmidkunz, Trieb, Zorc, Anthes, Herbst, Loose (Brunner 70), Wohlfarth, Schoen, Sievers.

REFEREE: Mr Lund-Sorensen (Denmark).

ARGENTINA'S CARLOS MENDOZA GOES ROUND NEIL WEBB. WEBB WAS ENGLAND'S HAT-TRICK HERO AGAINST EGYPT IN SUNDAY'S QUARTER-FINAL

EGYPT SNARED BY ENGLAND'S WEBB

by Keith Gilmour

"Neil Webb," said England Youth Coach John Cartwright afterwards, "he is a good all round player, but sometimes you have to kick him in the backside to get him moving."

There must have been more kicking in training and the dressing room, because Webb knocked in three good goals in England's 4-2 win over Egypt at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

England played well enough without setting the world on fire.

Even when they were two goals down by the 40th minute they had the beating of the tall Egyptian lads.

In fact is was goalkeeper Mohamed Ashour that constantley held them out. England striker David Wallace had the pressure on him early and he responded magnificently.

In the 11th minute Wallace sent his marker away with a wiggle of the hips, but his brilliant shot was parried around the post by Ashour.

Egypt were not blanketing their opponents and sweeper Stewart Robson made continuous raids up the left flank to whip in some dangerous crosses.

Then suddenly Egypt spanned the field with a classy build-up that saw their captain and top striker Taher Amer shoot just past the post from 12 metres.

There was no doubting that Colin Greenall's crude tackle on Egypt's central striker Sherif El Kashab deserved a penalty in the 29th minute.

But referee Jose Martinez of Uruguay missed his linesman waving offside just before the incident in the box. The linesman lacked the courage of his convictions and ceased signalling without drawing the middle man's attention to the earlier infringement.

After a retake Amer drove the ball in for a 1-0 lead to Egypt.

Left-back Phil Crosby was grossly negligent in the 40th minute.

Even allowing that he was handicapped by a knock on the ankle, he sloppily back-passed well short of goalkeeper Mark Kendall, allowing the alert Saleh to ghost in and score into the empty net.

Immediately after the resumption Neil Banfield knocked a nice ball through for Webb to blast in a low drive and leave the half-time score at 2-1 to Egypt.

Earlier Tony Finnigan had been replaced by John Cooke for not showing enough energy, and after the break Steve Kensey was on for the injured Crosby.

Cooke got a 62nd minute break and Ashour could only finger his low shot on the dive into the net.

Three minutes later Cooke had his hand in the next goal. The ball struck Mihoub and Webb knocked it in for an England 3-2 lead.

Big striker Michael Small twice had chances to wrap up the game but the task was again left to Webb.

He made no mistake as he blasted in a free-kick from just outside Egypt's penalty box.

Then, in a stupid incident, El Amshati was off for shouldering Banfield, who also departed for striking back.

ENGLAND: Kendall, Greenall, Banfield (sent off 87), Robson, Dey, Crosby (Kinsey 46), Webb, Peake, Finnigan (Cooke 39), Small, Wallace.

EGYPT: Ashour, Abou El Dahab, Abbas, Hashih, Mihoub (Hozain 79), El Amshati, Helmi, Saleh, Soliman (Hassan 50), Amer, El Kashab.

REFEREE: Jose Martinez (Uruguay).

SECOND ROUND RESULTS:
GROUP A:
QATAR 1 (Beleal) USA 1 (Devey)
URUGUAY 1 (Da Silva) POLAND 0
GROUP B:
ROMANIA 1 (Sertov) STH KOREA 0
BRAZIL 1 (Bala) ITALY 0
GROUP C:
SPAIN 1 (Lopez Serrano) MEXICO 1 (Coss)
EGYPT 2 (Helmi, Amer) WEST GERMANY 1 (Loose)

THIRD ROUND RESULTS:
GROUP A:
URUGUAY 1 (Villazan) QATAR 0
POLAND 4 (Dziekanowski 2, Rzepka, Kowalik)
GROUP B:
BRAZIL 3 (Roberto, Renaldo, Jong-Sun og) SOUTH KOREA 0
ROMANIA 1 (Gabor) ITALY 0
GROUP C:
EGYPT 3 (Saleh 2, Guillen og) MEXICO 3 (Vaca, Farfan, Rios)
WEST GERMANY 4 (Wohlfarth 2, Trieb, Anthes)
SPAIN 2 (F. Lopez, Fabregat)
GROUP D:
ARGENTINA 1 (Cecchi) CAMEROON 0
AUSTRALIA 1 (Koussas) ENGLAND 1 (Small)

QUARTER-FINALS:
WEST GERMANY 1 (Wohlfarth) AUSTRALIA 0
ENGLAND 4 (Webb 3, Cooke) EGYPT 2 (Amer, Saleh)
ROMANIA 2 (Gabor 2) URUGUAY 1 (Bueretta)
QATAR 3 (Almuhannada 3) BRAZIL 2 (Ronaldo 2)

TABLES:

GROUP A						
URUGUAY	3	3	0	0	5:0	6
QATAR	3	1	1	1	2:2	3
POLAND	3	1	0	2	4:2	2
USA	3	0	1	2	1:8	1
GROUP B						
BRAZIL	3	2	1	0	5:1	5
ROMANIA	3	2	1	0	3:1	5
STH KOREA	3	1	0	2	4:5	2
ITALY	3	0	0	3	1:6	0
GROUP C						
WEST GERMANY	3	2	0	1	6:4	4
EGYPT	3	1	2	0	7:6	4
SPAIN	3	0	2	1	5:7	2
MEXICO	3	0	2	1	4:5	2
GROUP D						
ENGLAND	3	1	2	0	4:2	4
AUSTRALIA	3	1	2	0	6:5	4
ARGENTINA	3	1	1	1	3:3	3
CAMEROON	3	0	1	2	3:6	1

SPAIN SCARE THE GERMANS

By Steve Burns

West Germany 4 Spain 2. The scoreline gives the answer. The second game in Canberra last Thursday was the equal of the first.

It took time to burst into life, but once it did it was a game to treasure.

Yet West Germany, leading 3-0 after just 55 minutes, almost threw away its quarter-final berth when Spain staged a courageous fight back, pulled the scoreline back to 3-2 before the bigger, stronger and better- drilled West German squad made their final goal in the dying minutes.

The goal that sealed Spain's fate came just five minutes from full-time when Rolan Wohlfarth netted with a fine header.

It was Wohlfarth's second goal of the game. . . he also scored for West Germany in the 46th minute.

West Germany is a side that is difficult to defeat.

As I said earlier, the game was slow to burst into life and was largely territorial before the first goal in the 30th minute.

It was West Germany's midfielder Martin Trieb who shot them into the lead, after latching on a cross from Alfred Schonen and jabbing it past Spain's goalkeeper, Fernando Peralta.

Spain had their best chance of the first half in the 38th minute when two of their three Lopezes — Francisco and Sebastian — got in each others way and muffed a solid goalscoring opening.

One-nil, however, was to be the half-time score. West Germany quickly altered that.

Just 60 seconds into the half, a pinpoint cross from Thomas Herbst saw Peralta at full-stretch to fist clear. But the ball was gathered by West Germany's skipper Ralf Loose, whose shot was charged down.

Still Spain couldn't clear its lines and when the ball again bobbed around in the 20-metre area it was Wohlfarth who steered a cracking drive through a bevy of defenders into the net.

Germany then attacked at will and went 3-0 ahead when Holger Anthes scored in the 55th minute.

But over-confidence and Spain's courage in getting up off the floor almost cost West Germany the game.

It wasn't until the 72nd minute that Spain finally pulled one back when Francisco Lopez headed a superb goal.

Eight minutes later Spain scored again when full-back Jorge Fabregat burst through the German defence to crack the ball into the roof of the net.

The large Spanish contingent in the crowd burst into songs of encouragement.

It almost worked. Spain had the West German defence defending madly. They had to throw everything into attack as the minutes ticked away.

Only a win meant anything to them, but they paid the penalty when from a quick break, West Germany were able to score again.

It came five minutes from full-time when skipper Loose was brought down on the edge of the penalty area, Trieb took the free-kick and found Wohlfarth's head, who flicked in a great final goal.

Two big games in Canberra — a great night, one to remember for years.

WEST GERMANY: Vollborn, Schmidkunz, Trieb, Winklhofer, Anthes (Brummer), Herbst, Loose, Wohlfarth, Schonen (Branger), Sievers.

SPAIN: Peralta, Calvo, Fabregat, Rodriguett, Rodriguez R. (Casero 52), Ocana, Lacalle, Lopez Alfaro, Gonzalez, Lopez Serrano, Lopez Segovic (Nadal 59).

REFEREE: Arnaldo Coelho (Brazil).

ITALY ORDINARY!

By GREG BLAKE

The disappointing Italians finished this match as they began the whole competition — as a very ordinary side.

After a 1-4 defeat at the hands of Korea the Italians improved by taking the game right up to Brazil on Tuesday night and they continued their improvement with an encouragingly bright first half against Romania on Thursday at Olympic Park.

However they conceded a penalty 10 minutes after the re-start, from which Gabor made no mistake and the Italians, indeed the whole game,lapsed into mediocrity.

The Italians played without disappointing 'star' Guiseppe Galderissi. However this was offset by Romania's decision to field a weakened side also.

Dorel Zamfir, one of the stars of Tuesday's match with Korea, was one of their better players on the bench.

The Italians opened smartly and showed the small crowd a few of the skills and flair expected from them since the opening of the competition.

Strikers Coppola and Gamberini spelt danger in the first half, Mariani menaced, Koetting was a driving force in midfield, Righetti did a magnificent job in the heart of the defence and full-backs Ferri and Icardi had Bolba and Gabor under control.

Icardi, small as he is, was adventurous and played a part in many of Italy's first half attacks.

Koetting was through within two minutes of the start of play but with no support saw his shot and follow-up header both stopped by Lovas.

The Italians did all the attacking in the early stages and seemed to have Romania reeling.

Indeed the Romanians had not one clear chance in the opening half. Mariani cracked an angled left foot drive over the bar in the eighth minute; Icardi took too long to beat the keeper and had his shot parried in the 24th; Mariani put the ball in the side netting after another of Koetting's delicate passes in the 33rd and Rednic had to save off the line from Icardi nine minutes from half time.

Drago, in goal, had only an ambitious drive to stop from Hanghuic in the 32nd minute to contend with.

But as quickly as Italy had regained its form, it lost it again and Romania came out the much more impressive side in a poor second half.

Hanghuic began to get into the game, sub. Fisic gave them some drive and Sertov asserted a little of his ability after the break. Twice Romania had goals disallowed in the 53rd minute for offside when Gabor netted and later Sertov was the unlucky one and a number of chances went begging.

Hanghuic put one fractionally wide just after half-time. Sertov sent one over the top and Fisic hit a screamer that was only saved by Drago as he tried to protect his face.

The penalty scored by Gabor in the 55th minute came about when Righetti brought down Hanghuic who was running deep into the box although hardly in a dangerous position.

The remainder of the game was rubbish compared to the enthusiasm of the dynamos from Korea and the crowd was heading for the exits a full 15 minutes from full time.

Mariani, Coppola and Dona all brought out saves from Lovas but the Italian fans in attendance were visibly showing their disappointment after the final whistle.

Even at full strength the Romanians would be hard pressed to reach the final.

Best in this match were, for Romania, Lovas, Andone, Rednic, Matei, Balint and Hanghuic. For the Italians the best were Mariani, Koetting, Righett, Ferri and Icardi.

ROMANIA — Lovas, Matei, Andone, Rednic, Edward, Illie (Fisic 66), Hanghuic, Balint, Gabor (Zamfir 75), Sertov, Bolba.

ITALY — Drago, Ferri, Fontanini, Righetti, Icardi, Koetting, Hanzo, Parri.

ATTENDANCE: 9,000

REFEREE: S. Valentine (Scotland).

ROOS' STATURE GROWS

By Brad Earl

England's "tenacious" performance — the description given by their coach John Cartwright — won them a point in a 1-1 draw against Australia, and in turn the honour of finishing at the top of the group.

The locals played gutsy stuff in front of almost 30,000 people, but England deserve praise for the way they fought back after falling behind in the eigth minute.

And what a well-executed goal by Aussie striker Mark Koussas, a magical display of close control and finishing.

Fabio Incantalupo had the ball on the left when he was fouled. To the initial displeasure of the crowd, the referee — Romanian Ion Igna — waved play-on, but it turned out to be a great example of advantage play.

Howard Tredinnick, pushing forward from his left-back spot, played the ball through to Koussas just into the penalty area.

Koussas took the ball with his back to goal and looked to be going to move infield. Suddenly, he turned around and went the other way, loosing the only defender anywhere near him (sweeper Neil Banfield) just long enough to curl a shot out of the reach of keeper Mark Kendall, who had started to come out, and inside the upright.

"That nickname, Gerd Muller, is not funny," Australian national coach, Les Scheinflug, said of Koussas. "Not many players can finish like that, under that pressure."

England's equaliser was a scrambled effort, scored by Michael Small with only eight minutes of the match remaining.

Neil Webb took a free-kick on the right, which was headed clear by an Australian defender. As the cry "Out!" went up, England full-back Colin Greenall picked up the ball 30 metres from goal and played it back into the area, picking up three English players in space, and all onside. David Wallace took a swing at the ball but mis-hit it, Stewart Robson took a swing and also mis-hit, before Small could get his successful header in, under no pressure from Australian keeper Glen Ahearn, who had come off his line.

Australia should have scored more before the game was out, but England's Mark Kendall played well in goal, David Mitchell had an off-night, and generally the Socceroos, although there were some excellent performances, were more relaxed than in the previous two games.

Three minutes before Australia scored, captain Peter Raskopoulos hit the cross-bar when he blasted a 35-metre free-kick.

In the 20th minute, Mitchell skied the ball after Koussas had split the defence to put him through just inside the area.

England were pressuring strongly now, with many moves starting from the defence, and midfielder Neil Webb working hard on the right.

In the 35th minute, Ahearn dropped the ball in the goalmouth, but before an England player could get a foot to the ball, Oscar Crino took it clear.

One minute from half-time, Andy Peake hammered a shot from the right that Ahearn helped over the cross-bar.

Almost immediately, Jimmy Patikas broke into attack, and it was he and Paul Kay against one defender. Patikas passed through to Kay, who stayed onside, but Kendall came out to force the little Wollongong midfielder to shoot high and wide.

Six minutes into the second half, Australia had the ball in the net again, but play was pulled up for a foul on the goalkeeper.

Ian Hunter was brought on in the 17th minute of the half, but for some reason he replaced Patikas and had to fill Patikas' deep midfield position when England was attacking.

That's not Hunter's position, and he was unable to break from that deep, as he still lacks speed after his long lay-off.

In the 76th minute, Kay played a glorious ball through to Mitchell, but he was shut down by the defence. Then, from a Koussas cross from the left, Mitchell slid in, but couldn't connect.

Two minutes later, Incantalupo went off, replaced by Grant Lee. So the same 13 players saw out the first three games, but it would have been good to have seen a little experimentation with skilful Johnny Little.

England were being driven from midfield by Peake now, and an equaliser always seemed on the cards. After it came, the match played itself out to a draw, with both sides knowing they were through to the quarter-finals.

Koussas was always a threat in attack for Australia. Raskopoulos led by example in the middle, and had a greater influence on events than his rival captain, Paul Allen, who plays a similar role to Rasko.

Raskopoulos worked well with Kay, who laid off some magnificent balls. Patikas did a gutsy job as defensive midfielder and probably deserved to play the full 90 minutes.

In defence, libero Oscar Crino was pushing forward extra well, and never neglected his defensive duties, Steve Blair did a lot of the hard slog, and right-back Rob Wheatley excelled under pressure at the back and often came across to cover the central defence.

England's fighting determination cannot be faulted. Goalkeeper Kendall played surely, Webb had a good first half, and Peake was excellent in the second period.

Two dangerous players, inside-right Wallace and left midfielder Tony Finnigan, were effectively marked by the Australians, while Allen tended to hold onto the ball too long in the middle.

The backs did a reasonable job, pushing forward whenever possible. They did make some basic errors, but these will be ironed out with a bit more organisation in defence.

Socceroo coach Scheinflug said: "England worked like professionals. They never let us settle down."

He also described the referee as marvellous, and indeed he was the most impressive referee in Group D.

England coach Cartwright said: "I've got nothing but credit for the lads. We've had a few problems, but they've really battled. I have a great deal of respect for these boys."

I asked him which players impressed him most in the Australian team.

"Koussas. He has an eye for goal, and he is a player professional clubs in the world will look at. He can score goals, he has ability to turn.

"Crino settles things down at the back, and he looks an intelligent player.

"Overall, it's a good, workmanlike side," Cartwright said.

AUSTRALIA: Ahearn; Wheatley, Tredinnick, Crino, Blair; Patikas (Hunter 62), Raskopoulos (capt), Kay, Incantalupo (Lee 78); Mitchell, Koussas.

ENGLAND: Kendall; Greenall, Crosby, Banfield, Robson; Allen (capt), Peake, Webb, Finnigan; Small, Wallace.

YELLOW CARD: Allen (E).

REFEREE: Ion Igna (Romania).

CROWD: 28,932.

SPARE A THOUGHT FOR CAMEROON

By Alex Vesic

Cameroon bowed out of the WYC after their second loss in three games, this time at the hands of the World Youth champions, Argentina, but left no doubts in the minds of all those present at the ground that they are not inferior to any of the other participants in all facets of football.

In fact had Cameroon taken their chances against England in their opening game, and had they been luckier with the referees, the West Africans could have been perched at the top of the ladder of Group D after three rounds.

Alas, a little bit of bad luck aided by some atrocious refereeing decisions which went against Cameroon, and they finished up sitting at the other end of the table!

The Cameroonians opened their game against Argentina in the only fashion they knew — fast and attractive. Their forward trio of Djonkep, Olle Olle and Ebongue started to create holes in the Argentinian defence and looked set to upset the favoured South Americans.

However, Saporiti's youngsters, expecting this kind of attitude from Cameroon, were deadly when counter-attacking and scored as early as the sixth minute. Paredes intercepted a pass, then slotted a perfect through-ball for Jorge Cecchi to run into the penalty area and neatly tucked the ball under the keeper to make it 1-0.

Cameroon came back and almost scored through Olle Olle, whose header flew inches over the bar. Then Djonkep made a lightening run down the left flank before being brought down by Giovagnoli. Seconds later, Giovagnoli repeated the dose on the luckless Djonkep and the game was stopped for Djonkep to be carried off with a broken collarbone.

With Djonkep out of the team, Cameroon tried their luck with Eyobo Makongo, and later replaced him with David Dibongue, but neither player was able to match the class of the injured Djonkep.

To add to their troubles, the Cameroon side looked in disbelief as the referee, Mubark Saeid from Qatar, gave Argentina a gift penalty following a superb dive by Carlos Mendoza in the 40th minute.

That was the signal for the whole team to besiege the referee with pleas to change his decision, but it was to no avail. Justice was done in the end as the Cameroon keeper Yombo made a great save to keep Mendoza out.

In the 44th minute Cameroon should have equalised through Ebongue, but his header from metres away went over the bar.

In the 57th the misfortunes continued to rain for Cameroon as the referee ignored their pleas for a penalty decision after Giovagnoli brought down Eyobo Makongo.

Argentina came back in the last 20 minutes of the game and could have scored as many as three goals through their replacement striker Borrelli, but the unfortunate Borrelli left his shooting boots at home and the score remained unchanged.

CROWD: 28,932.

REFEREE: Mubarrk Saeid (Qatar).

CAMEROON: Yombo, Onana Essele, Nji, Nyamsi Tobo, Kingue, Macky, Belinga, Mfede, Olle Olle, Ebongue, Djonkep (Eyobo Makongo 22, Dibongue 77).

ARGENTINA: Goicochea, Giovagnoli, Allul, Martino (Gordillo 70), Paredes, Morresi, Mendosa, Clausen, Urruti, Garcia (Borrelli 57), Cecchi.

BRAZIL SHINE TO BEAT KOREA

by Peter Georgiou

Brazil showed at last its Soccer power and eliminated Korea with three goals to nil thus qualifying for the quarter-finals.

The game was a fine one and after a good first half where Korea put up a good fight and missed quite a few good chances, Brazil cut loose in the second half led by the man of the match, Higino Pereira. And within three minutes Curtis Costa opened the score with a hard shot after he received a pass from Castro.

The Koreans retaliated and at the 54th minute Pereira was forced to save a hard shot by Suk-Won but the Brazilians were now in total control displaying some magnificent ball work and distribution and it didn't take them long to double the score. In fact, in the 62nd minute a perfect understanding between Higino Pereira and Marques Sereno resulted in a shot for goal by the latter, giving keeper, In-Young, no chance.

The Korean goalkeeper again was forced to make a good save from a shot by Kerchner while in a counter-attack a shot by Chul-Hee went just wide.

The pressure, however, was very obvious on the Koreans as they conceded an own goal in the 79th minute when Jong-Son, trying to clear a cross by de Oliveira, sent the ball into his own net.

The Koreans were not disgraced by the loss as they were a very good and sporting team. They won the hearts of Soccer fans with their sheer determination for a good result and their sportsmanship.

They were certainly the surprise in Group B.

Their best players were Kyung-Nam, Chi-Soo and Suk-Won.

The Brazilians showed at last that they are still one of the big powers in Soccer. Their game was a sample of what we know as Brazilian football.

Man of the match was their midfielder, Higino Pereira, while Silva, Kerchner and Curtis Costa were outstanding.

REFEREE: H Fahmy (Egypt).

CROWD: 8,000.

KOREA: In-Young, Jong-Son, Kwang-Woon, Chi-Soo, Sung-Kee, Kyung-Ho (Chul-Hee 60), Sung-Ho, Kyung-Nam, Soon-Ho, Duk-Soo, Suk-Won.

BRAZIL: Pereira Monteiro, Rocha, Curtist Costa, Galvao, Silva, Kerchner, Higino Pereiro, De Souza, Castro (Verdum de Oliveira 75), Baia, Marques Sereno (Goncalves Vita 85).

ITALY WIN NO FANS

By Peter Georgiou

Italy booked the return flight home as it went down to Brazil by a lone goal in one of the most boring matches of the WYC competition.

Over 18,000 fans didn't get their money's worth — at least from this game — as the two teams fought a slow-pace, hard-tackling game which resulted in a narrow 1-0 win for Brazil.

The Italians were slow, disorganised and in most cases very rough, something that referee Mr Redelfs, from Germany, didn't like. He booked Bruno, Pari, Mariani and Mantzo, and didn't hesitate to send Progna (No 6) off the field for a foul on Rabello Castro.

As for the Brazilians, again they were content with their slow pace and ball possession in midfield, doing very little up-front, especialy in the first half when the only worthwhile move was made in the 29th minute with Sousa. After moving alone in Italy's penalty area, he tried a hard shot only to see the ball going wide after Riccetelli managed to change its direction with an outstreched arm.

Coming back from a mediocre first half, both teams looked like trying to achieve something in the second period and the game was uplifted a bit.

As the Italians, however, could not make anything out of a free-kick, a few metres away from the penalty spot, in the 52nd minute, the Brazilians were more successful five minutes later.

Sousa headed the ball into the arms of Riccetelli, but the Italian goalkeeper could not hold it and as it bounced off him Baia made sure it went into the net.

The game started getting rougher as the Italians began to look more interested in hard tackling, trying to gain some control in midfield.

Brazil managed to make a couple of good moves, but failed in both, missing two very good chances.

But the victors were content with their goal and concentrated only on the safety of their legs till the final whistle: making sure, with Silva in defence, that the opponents were kept away from their goalkeeper.

It was not a convincing victory by the highly-rated Brazilians, and it was very disappointing to see the Italians making little effort, if no effort at all, to achieve something out of this competition.

REFEREE: J. Redelfs (Germany).

CROWD: 18.000

BRAZIL: Pereira Manteiro, Curtis Costa, Galvao, Silva, Rocha, Kerchner, Higino Pereira, Sousa, Rabello Castro, Marques Sereno, Baia (Goncalves Vita 70).

ITALY: Riccetelli, Icardi, Bruno, Fontanini, Manzo, Progna (sent off 73), Milleti (Koeting 25), Pari, Mariani, Cinello, Galderisi (Gamberini 18).

BRAZIL AND ITALY DISPUTE POSSESSION AT OLYMPIC PARK

GOALS GALORE IN CANBERRA

By Steve Burns

A crowd of 8,000 saw a magnificent night of Soccer at Canberra's Bruce Stadium last Thursday night. They witnessed sizzling skills and a feast of 12 goals before West Germany and Egypt claimed berths in the quarter-finals.

It was World Youth Championship Soccer at its very best and a big plus for sponsors Coca-Cola.

It began under Bruce Stadium's new $1.2 million floodlights with the tussle between Mexico and Egypt.

Tussle it ended, although Mexico romped ahead in the early stages and at one stage led 2-0 before bowing out of the cup after struggling to a 3-3 draw.

For my money Mexico were the better side, but one that squandered chances and even gave away an own goal.

Physically the bigger side, Mexico began superbly and in the 19th minute Gonzalo Farfan picked out Enrique Vaca on the left flank as Egypt's goalkeeper Mohamed Ashour committed himself too soon.

Vaca dribbled neatly around Ashour and slotted the ball into the net.

Ten minutes later Mexico looked to have the game in the bag when Farfan gave them a 2-0 lead with a thundering shot from 12 metres out.

But Egypt fought back gallantly and when Sherif El Kashab moved to the right flank and struck a hard cross, Mexican defender Maria Guillen tried to clear, but managed only to steer the ball into his own net.

It let Egypt in with a chance, one they grabbed with both hands.

It was Egypt who, just two minutes later, almost equalised when a fierce 18-metre drive by Mohmed Helmi was finger tipped over the bar by Mexico's goalkeeper Adrian Chavez.

But Mexico still led 2-1 at the turn-round.

Now in with a chance, Egypt began the second half much more determined.

The half was but eight minutes old when livewire striker Tarek Soliman burst through and let loose a thunderbolt shot from 25 metres that had Chavez beaten, but hit the bar.

Mexico then brought off first-half goalscorer Vaca for Manuel Herrera, but never regained their first half rhythm.

Egypt, looking better in attack, pressed more and when Mohamed Selmi and Hassham Saleh challenged Chavez for a high ball Mexico's goalkeeper dropped the ball, Helmi pounced, took it to the by-line and then squeezed the ball inside where Saleh was waiting to crack it into the net.

Yet Mexico, the masters of the quick break, and intelligent crossfield play, struck back almost immediately — three minutes later to be precise.

Second half substitute Herrara headed on a ball from the wing into the goalmouth where Ildefonso Rios was waiting to make the final header to flick the ball into the net, well clear of Egypt's goalkeeper Mohamed Ashour.

To prove they could do the same, just two minutes later Egypt levelled the score once again.

Mexico failed to clear their lines and Sherif Elkashab obligingly gathered the loose ball and found Saleh.

And it was Saleh, the classic right winger and by far Egypt's most dangerous attacker, who netted the equaliser and gave his side a berth in the quarter-finals.

EGYPT: Ashour, Sedki (Dahah 36), Abbas, Hashih, El Amshati, El Kashab, Mihoub, Helmi, Salch, Amer (Hazien 73), Soliman.

MEXICO: Chavez, Coria, Munoz, Guillen, Servin, Martinez, Pereda, Coss, Farfan, Rios, Baca (Herrera 45).

REFEREE: H. Lund-Sorensen (Denmark).

CAMEROON REF IN STRIFE

By Wally Bruce

This match naturally meant little to Uruguay, considering they had already qualified, but not so for Qatar.

The Qataris 1-0 loss meant they could only miss out on the quarter-finals if the USA had won 3-0. But they ended up having no worries, as the Americans were crushed 4-0 by Poland in their final match.

Uruguay reportedly were intent on finishing on top in Group A as they apparently were keener to meet Brazil in the quarter-finals than Romania.

Even though they made four team changes, resting top midfield pair Enzo Francescoli and Carlos Berreuta, the Uruguayans did just enough to clinch their third straight victory.

Uruguay produced a scintillating opening when Jorge Villazan hit the cross-bar in only the third minute after which Qatar conceded a corner, and from that, the defence cleared a shot off the line.

The Qataris looked in big trouble but the defence was able to compose itself and did not look as square as it had in the previous two matches, with Masjid Mayouf this time dropping deep as their sweeper.

Just before half-time, the Qataris most dangerous striker Bader Beleal was almost in and Khalid Alsowaidi had a powerful drive blocked by the agile Carlos Arias. The ball rolled loose but Arias bravely dived to recover under severe pressure from Beleal.

A weakness in the Qatari defence was severely exposed in the 53rd minute when Villazan dashed through to hammer an unstoppable drive past keeper Ahmed Almajid.

He had replaced the Qataris' regular keeper Younes Ahmed, who was injured in that early Uruguayan assault in the 3rd minute.

There had been a deal of controversy about the refereeing in the Brisbane group and particularly involved was the Cameroonian Stanislas Kamden, who awarded the controversial goal, when acting as linesman, against the Americans on the Tuesday night.

This time he again made a disputed decision, in the 64th minute, following a Qatari raid involving Beleal and substitute Ali Alsada.

Referee Kamdem blew for a penalty, although no-one was really sure of the reason, and the Qataris were presented with the chance of an equaliser.

But it went begging, when midfielder Ebrahem Ahmed stroked his attempt well wide of the right-hand upright.

Uruguay, less urgent as the match progressed, almost were successful twice late in the match.

Almajid just managed to reflect a cross-shot from Carlos Melian and centre-back Jose Pena, after going alone down the middle, was halted by the keeper as he ventured outside the box.

Qatar surged back strongly in the last 10 minutes, but Arias kept his goal intact for the third time, aided by the great work of his imposing centre-backs, Pena and Nelson Gutierrez.

URUGUAY: Arias, Ancheta, Gutierrez, Pena, Melian, Batista, Baez, Lemos, Villazan, Da Silva (Baray 78), Noble.

QATAR: Y Ahmed (Almajid 70), M Alsowaidi, A Ahmed, Mayouf, Almas, Afifa, Salem, E Ahmed, K Alsowaidi (Alsowaidi (Alsada 62).

REFEREE: S Kamdem (Cameroon).

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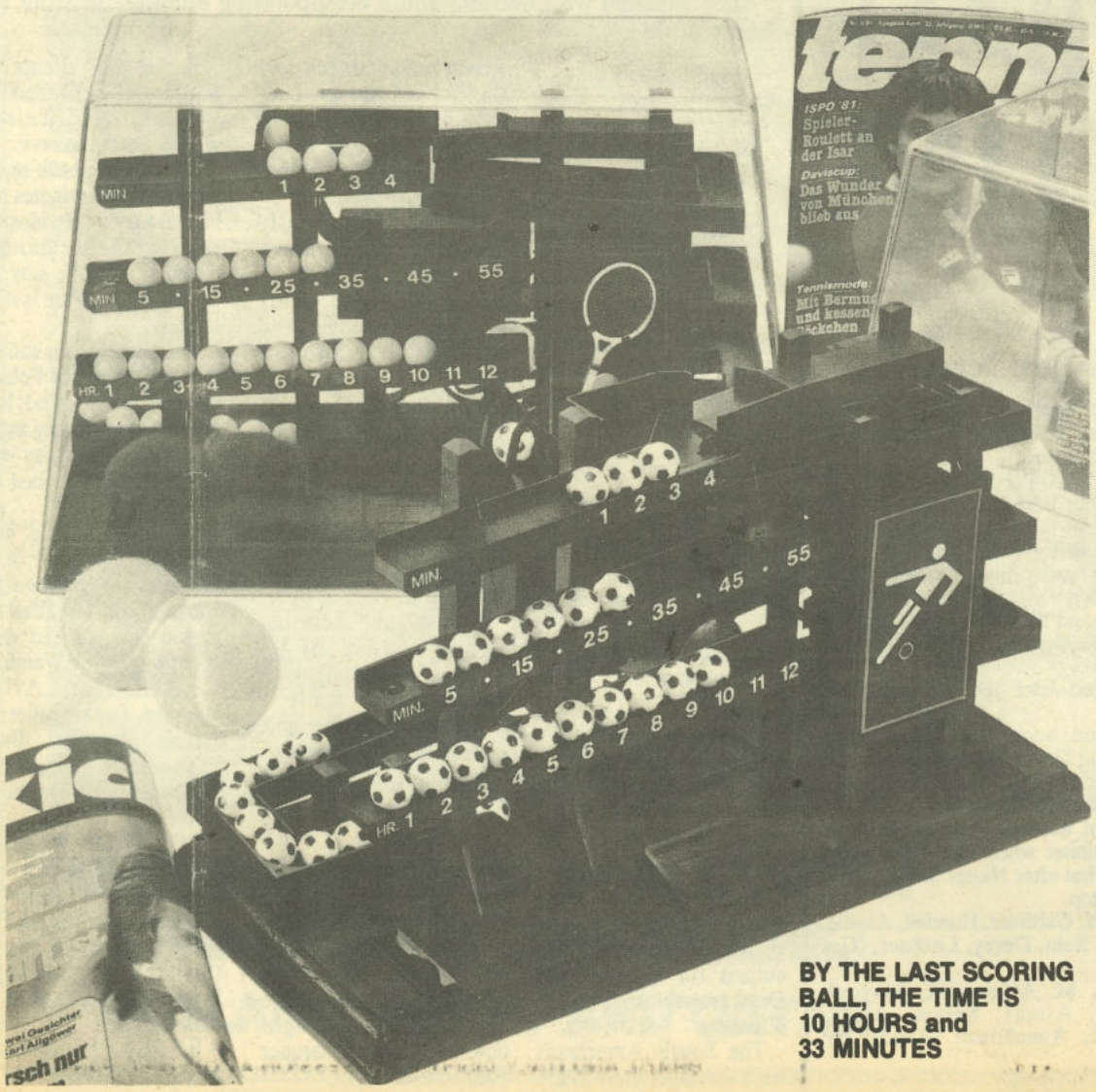

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KOREANS FIGHT BACK

By Greg Blake

Try as they might, the gutsy little South Koreans, despite a supreme second half effort, could not peg back the one-goal deficit conceded in the first six minutes of their match against Romania in Melbourne.

Stere Sertov put the Romanians in front in an opening period that saw the Koreans looking tense, nervous and static and little like the exhuberant, excited side which creamed the Italians three days earlier.

Mihaita Hanghuic, part of a dominant Romanian midfield trio, hit a long shot which was half blocked by a defender. Sertov picked up the rebound and cracked it high over the head of Korean keeper In-Young into the net roof.

Gradually the long, ambitious balls began to find their targets up forward for the Koreans, as they had on Saturday evening. But their tearaway reckless style was matched by the calmness and organization of their European opponents.

Late in the match as the Koreans pushed for an equaliser, they were too tired and ragged to capitalise on many opportunities.

Hanghuic, Costel Ilie, Gavril Balint and busy winger Dorel Zamfir were the dominant figures in Romania's best half — the first. The Koreans' early nerves made them easy prey for Romania.

But for all the Romanians' dominance, it was still their Asian opponents who created the chances.

However, Edward and Andone were impassable in the Romanian defence — Andone doing a fine job on Soon-Ho — and their winning midfield made them look the better of the pair.

Before the break In-Young saved well from Galor and Jonet-Son was fortunate to be on hand to stop Gabor's free header.

At the other end, Mircea Rednic won a booking for a tackle on Soon-Ho when the latter was away and within three metres of the area, and the same lanky centre-forward saw a free-kick through the wall saved well by Lovas right on the whistle.

After the break the Romanians — for the first five minutes anyway — began a concerted assault on the Korean goal.

In the 68th minute a defender's mistake gave Soon-Ho a chance but the shot was blocked; Sam-Soo knocked a shot just wide nine minutes later and indeed, only some fierce tackling by the Romanian defence managed to hold the Koreans.

The more the Koreans kept pumping the ball in and seeing it flying about the box without success, the more tired and dispirited looking they became.

Right on full-time the Romanians struck back when a masterful drive by Balint was cleared off the line by Sunet-Kee,

Best for Rumania were Andone, Lovas, Edward, Balint and Zamfir, whilst the Koreans were well served by In-Young, Jonet-Son, Sunet-Kee, Sam-Soo and Soon-Ho.

ROMANIA: Lovas, Edward, Andone, Rednic, Viscreanu, Ilie, Hanghuic (Fisic 62), Balint, Gabor (Matei 86), Sertov, Zamfir.

SOUTH KOREA: In-Young, Kwanet-Woon, Sunet-Kee, Chi-Soo, Jonet-Son, Kyung-Ho, Sam-Soo, Sunet-Ho (Duk-Soo 53), Suk-Won (Chul-Hee 71), Soon-Ho, Kyung-Nam.

REFEREE: J. Romero (Argentina)

CROWD: Approx. 18,000

POLAND ARRIVE TOO LATE

By Wally Bruce

The Americans, needing a 3-0 victory for survival, were pointlessly out-gunned 4-0 in their final match.

They were battling injuries and had the strong John Stollmeyer suspended and even centre-back Tom Gardiner played most of the match limping noticeably.

Poland had the match well in their keeping when they struck twice with deadly precision in the 18th and 19th minutes.

By far their best player, midfielder Piotr Rzepka, fittingly hammered in the first to complete a move on the right from striker Jerzy Kowalik.

Then almost from the kick-off, Kowalik himself was rewarded by slamming a first timer to dispose of a great pass cut-back from the left wing.

The Americans simply had no answer and in fact were described as naive by one observer, although they raised their hopes just after half-time, when Polish keeper Jerzy Zajda could not hold a scorcher from Darryl Gee and a fellow defender had to help him out.

Two more goals in quick fashion in the 67th and 69th minutes really put the Polish icing on the cake.

The player successful both times was centre-forward Dariusz Dziekanowski, who has played well throughout this tournament, only being let down by some atrocious finishing.

But this time he displayed some clinical touches, first cracking in a thundering free-kick from outside the box.

Then he repeated his new-found success almost immediately by adding the finishing touch to a neat move between Urban and centre-back Roman Geszlecht.

For the Poles it was a case of too little, too late.

USA: Scarpelli, Fernandez, Hundelt, Gardiner, Ainslie, Meyer (Ali 55), Saldana, Doran, Kain, Devey, Gee (Jianette 69)

POLAND: Zajda, Boguszewski, Sokozowski, Geszlecht, Wdowczyk, Kaczmarek (Tarasiewicz 45), Rzepka, Pekala, Urban, Dziekanowski, Kowalik.

REFEREE: T. Boskovic (Australia).

EGYPTIANS POWER TO VICTORY

By Tom McKain

Egypt confirmed their superiority in Group C in Adelaide with a powerhouse display for a 2-1 win over West Germany.

The Egyptians won the hearts of the Adelaide fans.

They had done enough on opening night when they led Spain, fell behind, then came back for a storming 2-2 draw.

They received a mighty roar as they came out to face the Germans, who had clinically demolished Mexico, although the score was only 1-0.

But the Egyptians were a different story.

Big powerful lads, they hit the Germans with everything, battered their way through tackles, and turned on ball-skills which left the rugged German defenders floundering.

They tried to close-check the Egyptians, as they had done to the key Mexicans, but fought a losing battle.

Stamina is part of the Egyptian make-up and they ran the opposition ragged.

They jumped the Germans in the 31st minute when midfield workhorse, Mohamed Helmi, accepted a cross from striker Taher Amer and from closer in slotted the ball under goalkeeper Rudiger Vollborn.

West German captain Ralf Loose, who worked hard in midfield to set up chances, pulled one back in the 35th minute, but the Egyptians charged back and, when Amer was brought down in the box, he converted the penalty.

The Germans threw everything into attack, but Egyptian goalkeeper Mohamed Ashour was in brilliant form, and it was the Egyptians who rebounded and kept up their attacks until the final whistle.

WEST GERMANY: Vollborn, Winklhofer, Schmidkunz, Nushohr, Zorc, Brunner, Thes, Herbst, Loose, Wohfarth, Sievers.

EGYPT: Ashour, El Amshati, Helmi, Abbas, Sedki, Saleh, Tarek, (Hozain 75), Amer, (Hassam 80).

REFEREE: Rumulo Mendez (Guatemala).

TWO SENT OFF AS MEXICO EQUALISE

By Tom McKain

Mexico, early favourites for Group C, failed again, but raised a late gallop to pull off a 1-1 draw with Spain.

The Spaniards and Mexicans would want to forget their 1-1 draw, apart from the vital point it earned them.

Once they hit the front in the 44th minute, with a penalty from Serrano Lopez after Sebastian Lopez was brought down, Spain looked content to hang onto the slim lead.

The small Mexicans battered themselves silly trying to beat the Spaniards with solo runs, but the equaliser was a beauty.

Substitute Herrera dived to meet a cross in the 74th minute and this also resulted in Spain's Narciso Julia and Mexico's Francisco Chavez being ordered off.

As the ball and Costin went into the net, so did most of the Mexicans to congratulate him, and they became tangled with the Spanish defenders in a brief melee.

Compared to the Egypt-West German match, it was a dull struggle, which had few highlights and won few friends.

SPAIN: Peralta, Calvo, Fabregat, Julia, Lopez Alfaro, Lacalle, Lopez Serrano, Nadal (Lopez Segovia 72), Jose, Ocana, Roidriguez.

MEXICO: A. Chavez, F. Chavez, Gamal, Martinez, Servin, Munoz, Curiel, Coss, Rios, Vaca, Alonso (Herrera 63).

REFEREE: Jose Martinez (Uruguay).

CROWD: 14,120.

YANKS CLAIM BALL DIDN'T CROSS LINE

By Wally Bruce

What odds Qatar before the championship started? You could have virtually named your own price, yet their 1-1 draw with the United States in the second round of Group A put them in a position to clinch a quarter-final berth.

The Americans have not had a great deal of luck in this tournament and this time conceded a hotly-disputed Qatari equaliser, after they led 1-0 at half time.

In the first half, even before Qatar equalised, US coach Walt Chyzowych had a heated verbal battle on the sidelines with fourth official Tony Boskovic and eventually was ordered to leave the bench.

After the match he made a scathing attack on the Cameroon linesman and Ethopian referee, and said he felt the standard of refereeing overall was well below par.

The Qataris fielded the same line-up which carried them to their first round win over Poland, but almost fell behind in the 10th minute. Striker Tom Kain looked like being successful, but keeper Younis Ahmed just beat him in a race for the ball.

The Qataris were nowhere near as adventurous as they had been in the first round, and in fact employed a boring offside tactic which regularly caught out the front-running Americans.

At the other end, Bader Beleal found the back of the net in the 12th minute, but was ruled a metre offside.

The Americans finally broke the offside trap in the 43rd minute with a through ball from left winger David Lischer, who did not play on Saturday because of a hamstring injury.

Blond forward Mark Devey burst past central defenders Majid Mayouf and Adil Ahmed, moved to the right of the box and hammered a fine shot past keeper Ahmed.

It was the tonic the Americans needed.

Lischner, after helping set up the goal, was replaced at half-time by Darryl Gee, and he injected some extra life into the Americans' forward moves.

Beleal was almost in for Qatar from a back-pass interception, and in the 56th minute he struck for the second time in the tournament to grab the equaliser.

Midfielder Ebrahim Ahmed crossed from the left, Beleal despatched a diving beader and US keeper Craig Scarpelli looked to have made a scrambling save.

But the Qataris rejoiced, and the Americans protested, when linesman Kamdem from Cameroon signalled the ball had crossed the line.

American officials claimed later television replays proved it was not a goal.

The Americans stormed back. Midfielder John Stollmeyer took a corner and Devey headed into the side netting. Devey then broke clear and Ahmed came out of the box quickly to boot Qatar out of trouble.

The Qataris knew a point was sufficient and held on. They almost snatched a winner when right-back Mohd Alsoweidi made a fine run but after Nasser Salem joined in, Beleal blasted over the top.

USA: Scarpelli, Fernandez, Gardiner, Hundelt, Ainslie, Meyer, Doran, Stollmeyer, Kain, Devey, Lischner, (Gee 46)

QATAR: Y. Ahmed, M. Alsowaidi, Mayouf, A. Ahmed (Eidan 67), Almas, Salem, Afifa, K. Alsowaidi, E. Ahmed, Almuhrnadi (Alsada 75), Beleal.

REFEREE: G. Testafaye (Ethopia).

URUGUAY SEND POLES PACKING

By Wally Bruce

It was all or nothing for Poland in this second round Group A match against Uruguay.

They finished with nothing and a disappointing elimination from the championship.

Poland certainly did play much better than they had against Qatar the first night, but again they were far too ponderous in front of goal and missed too many reasonable chances.

The Uruguayans, exciting as always and ever prepared to do the unexpected, looked solid at the back through Pena and Gutierrez, but they too missed a welter of scoring chances.

Poland had a great opportunity to take a vital lead in the 33rd minute after a good move by Dziekanowski and Kowalik, who played in place of the suspended Latka, but Urban missed an absolute sitter.

Some seven minutes before that, the Uruguayans built up a great raid down the left and it ended when skilful left winger Noble rattled the upright.

Before half time each side missed another good chance, with Da Silva the culprit for Uruguay and Dziekanowski the Polish offender.

The South Americans were set alight early in the second half as rain fell, and Da Silva and Aguilera both should have taken the opening goal from handy positions with the defence stretched.

But Da Silva finally ended his run of misses from close in, with 59 minutes gone, after Francescoli, Noble and Baez had all been involved.

In the 70th minute, Uruguay finally took their vaunted winger Villazan out of wraps and he made his long-awaited debut.Immediately he looked a class player to match the skills of Francescoli.

Poland saw their last strong chance of an equaliser go begging when keeper Arias made a brilliant save of a pile driver from Dziekanowski.

Within seconds, with Poland pushing up, Uruguay made a quick break, which left Da Silva and Villazan confronted by only one Polish defender.

Da Silva squared his pass and Villazan, while trying to skip round keeper Wandzik, was brought down, and referee Marquez pointed to the spot.

Francescoli's attenpt was not very well executed and Wandzik picked the right way to effect the save.

Villazan had been on the park only six minutes and he will play an obvious key role in the remaining matches. Why he was not used until this point is still a mystery.

The penalty miss still left the door open for Poland, but they really did not look capable of equalising and in fact it was Uruguay who ran riot in the last 15 minutes.

The score could have ended up 4-0 had Gutierrez, Berreutta, Villazan and Da Silva not missed with, or had shots saved by the tall Wandzik.

URUGUAY: Arias, Vazquez, Pena, Gutierrez, Melian, Berreutta, Baez, Francescoli, Aguilera (Villazan 70), Da Silva, Noble.

POLAND: Wandzik, Boguszewski, Mayer, Geszlecht, Tarasiewicz (Kaczmarek 45), Wodwczyk, Rzepka (Swirtek 62), Pekala, Urban, Dziekanowski, Kowalik.

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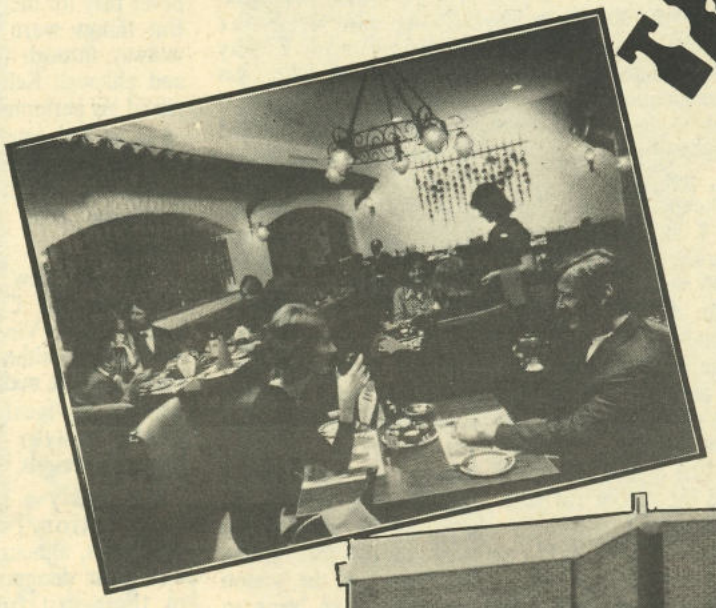

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ASW REVIEWS THE 1981 PSL

BLACKTOWN'S TEMPORARY DEMISE

By Keith Gilmour

Relegation in their second season of PSL football brought an acid taste to the mouth of the devilish Blacktown Demon, but certainly there was little bitterness.

From the time that the drop to State League became a distinct possibility, the club's very competent secretary Peter Thorne made it quite clear that they would nevertheless be building a strong organisation for the future.

Their well-conceived scheme to produce their own stars locally is not the figment of hyperactive imaginations. It will produce the goods.

During the season club coach Rale Rasic emphasised that there was no chance of the team being demoted.

At the end he told me: "I overestimated what I could achieve with the players we had."

Going down was a bitter pill for Rasic to swallow, but he has signed a fresh three-year contract with the club and has bounced back with eagerness to face the challenge anew.

Blacktown's season included an enthusiastic developing phase, followed by a fine run which included a splendid home draw with South Melbourne that by rights should have been a win.

Paul Burrows

Then came that disheartening run down as the players lost their vital spark of confidence.

There were the heady moments that included wins over Sydney City, Marconi and Brisbane Lions, with points stolen from Canberra City, Adelaide City, and Sydney City again.

Towards the end Rasic tried every trick in his book to reverse the slide.

The team hit its high spot after the arrival of Jovan Djordjevic. He powered forward whenever the mood caught him, combining to great effect with Robert Wheatley and others.

Bruce James' sound reflexes stood him in good stead in goal.

Mike Milovanovic, Branko Culina, Branislav Krstic and Brian Turner, all signed to help strengthen the team, were less than successes.

The team fired best when Stuart Selvage and Brian O'Donnell were at their peak. Unfortunately Carlos Ortega and Peter Cuk were both out for a deal of the year.

Ricci Hormazabal could be much more constructive than he was, but Paul Burrows, an excellent $5,000 buy from Newcastle, was always a dangerous bag of tricks.

A disappointing season? Yes.

But the club has sound management and their own magnificent club and grounds.

Finally, a special word for their loyal support, and for the well-marshalled match-day arrangements, which I rate as Sydney's best.

CONSISTENCY THE NAME OF CITY'S GAME

By Wally Bruce

Although Brisbane City finished the season without any major honours, they enjoyed a season most coaches and officials would envy.

The Gladiators were never threatened by relegation at any stage and were always considered a strong chance of finishing in the top four. And for a fleeting moment late in the season, it seemed they had a slim chance of the title, but they dropped a couple of vital points, while Sydney City and South Melbourne kicked on too well.

The club's major purchases at the start of the season were striker Paul Wilkinson from Blacktown, sweeper Jimmy Dunne from Green Gully Ajax in Melbourne and John McVeigh from Scotland.

Wilkinson obviously paid his way by scoring 12 goals in the League. The goals came mainly via his head and some of them were absolute gems. But towards the end of the season, this talented player dropped into somewhat of a rut and should really have finished with at least four or five more.

Dunne was the perfect acquisition to fit in alongside stopper David Ratcliffe, and the only games this pair missed were through suspension.

It was largely due to this pair that City did so well at the back. Coach George Potter, since resigned, said he became a little weary of constantly reading about the "magnificent work" of the Brisbane Lions back-line. At the end, he was quite rightly able to point out that City finished with the best defensive record in the competition.

But there were other major contributors at the back, not least the two goalkeepers, Martin Coe and Kim Wishart, who virtually played half a season each.

Coe kicked off the season when Wishart was still unfit and held his place until he broke two fingers. Wishart slipped back in and his form was so consistent, that Coe was destined to spend the rest of the year on the bench.

Left back Billy Wilkinson probably deserves the most praise of all. He is the undoubted iron-man of the Gladiators' defence and did not miss a single game all season, both in the League and the Cup.

The right-back duties were shared by Steve Perry, who was troubled by injury after playing in the World Cup matches, and the ever-reliable Kevin Caldwell, who has been a great servant for the club in many crises since 1977.

The midfield was almost always comprised of Larry Gaffney, City's longest-serving player, Frank Pimblett and Bobby Hamilton. The latter was an added bonus because of the eight goals he knocked in during the year.

Up front, Paul Wilkinson played the full season, apart for one absence through injury and in the main his partners at varying times were Joe Palinkas, Willie Conner, John McVeigh and Barry Kelso.

Palinkas found it hard to command a full-time spot, yet early in the year produced some very consistent performances. Conner by comparison came to the fore in the latter part of the season and, apart from being an everlasting City favourite, remains one of the country's most skilful players on the ball.

McVeigh was a major disappointment. Hindered by injury and the inability to get fully fit, he may possibly contribute more in 1982.

Kelso remains an enigma. Respected by most coaches in the League, the awkward giant was in dispute with the club early in the year, saying he would never play for them again. But things were settled midway through the year and although Kelso again mixed his performances he came up with some hearty ones as well, his effort against Adelaide City in the last home game a prime example.

The other new face on the scene for City was young David Vincenzino, who can play either at full-back or in the midfield, so he will obviously be a useful player in the following seasons.

Obviously a year of satisfaction for the Gladiators, although there was great disappointment in their exit from the Philips Cup at the hands of West Adelaide.

With a new coach at the helm, it will be interesting to see if the Gladiators can alter their usual trend of following up a season of success with one of misery.

OLYMPIC — THE STORY OF SUCCESS

By Alex Vesic

In 1982, Sydney Olympians will most probably make a major bid for top honours.

Well, that is the view of most of those ardent Sydney Olympic supporters who flocked in their thousands to Pratten Park. If one follows their 1981 results it is easy to understand why they are hopeful next year.

The first five rounds of 1981 proved disastrous, but then the team fired under Tommy Docherty to silence its critics.

Then came another slump soon after the arrival of the new coach, Doug Collins, then a great finish.

"Players got used to Tommy Docherty and they had to go through the adjustment of that loss, not — as many people suggested — the arrival of Doug Collins. But everything was soon back to normal as our players continued to entertain at Pratten Park — the sytle of play which is also the trademark of Doug Collins," said John Constantine recently after explaining the slump following Docherty's departure.

Asked about the team and its possible changes for next year, Constantine was very clear: "Most clubs have made the same mistake in the past looking for a particular player overseas. We are not going in for that. Our youth coach Ljubo Goykovic, is about to spend five weeks in Yugoslavia, where he will meet the Yugoslav national coach, Miljanic, as well as some other top coaches. Coaching methods employed there will be of vital importance to us — we must learn from the best. His other mission while in Yugoslavia is to look for a top player, irrespective of his position. It has to be a good player, someone our players could learn from. That is the only way we could help improve the standard of Soccer here and help our youngsters to develop into future stars."

Look out Australia, Olympic means business. With Doug Collins at the helm, and Ljubo Goykovic in charge of the Youth side, the ingredients of a very good coaching team is there.

Goykovic, with a degree in Physical Education, is the quite man of this Olympic side, but certainly not the one to understimate. He has come through with his youngsters at Olympic with flying colours and two of his proteges are certain to challenge for the top team next season.

"Youngsters must be given a chance," insists Goykovic, "and if you look at our team you'll easily realise that we have the youngest squad in the League."

Sharing tenth spot for the season is what it was all about in the PSL in 1981 — getting into the top four in 1982 is the aim.

LEICHHARDT'S SUPER SEASON

By Keith Gilmour

From "Mission Impossible" to "Mission Accomplished" — that is the story of 1981 for the proud Leichhardt club.

Coach Willie Wallace, whose planning was backed to the hilt by club president Nick Papallo and the keen football committee, achieved his objectives for 1981.

The next step is an assault on the Australian Soccer League title, and their growing attendances will be right behind the team.

There is no doubt that the all-round star performances for the season came from Phil O'Connor and former Socceroo skipper Peter Wilson.

Many a time O'Connor led opposing defences a merry dance with some of the classiest ball-work seen in the PSL.

His occasional absence with injuries affected the team, even allowing that other forwards such as Marshall Soper, Bas Giampaolo, Tony Morsello and Alan Hughes were usually available.

Giampaolo's year was blighted by a run of injuries. Morsello's arrival from Monaro added depth and skill to the squad.

It was 12-goal Soper who led the scoring. He knows how to place his shots, and with increasing skill the Lambert Park fans will certainly more and more be "hollering for their Marshall."

What stood Leichhardt in good stead was Wallace's ability to use his utility men in various positions to sound advantage when injuries and suspensions cropped up.

Alan Hughes was particularly useful in this respect, and the return of midfielder-winger Terry Butler was an absolute godsend.

PHIL O'CONNOR GETS PAST NEWCASTLE'S COL CURRAN

Occasionally the team lacked sparkle, and it is in the resourceful Wallace's court to see what he can do to repair this situation.

The season saw experienced young players Greg Woodhouse, Mark Pullen and Rod Skellern often joined by other younger men in John Bradley, Ian Gray, John McKie, Frank Casacchia, Eddie Zaccomer, Paul Carter and David Wait. There will be depth for the future.

The Leichhardt Oval night match points to the need for further work to be done to secure use of these excellent facilities — a point well known to Nick Papallo, Ron Orsati and Co.

But there should be a considered resolution of the Leichhardt and Apia names.

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NORTHERN NSW RAISING CASH FOR '82 TOUR

by Keith Gilmour

Northern NSW will send a junior representative team on a European tour next March.

A sum of $32,000 has to be raised to send the squad away.

Northern NSW Amateur Soccer Federation president Fred Eshman, who took a team to the United States earlier this year, is confident that the sum will be raised.

The team to go represented the North in this year's under 15 championship in Perth.

It was coached by Graham Soutar and managed by Bill Douglas.

The tour has been designed to have cultural as well as sporting interests.

The team is expected to play a curtain-raiser to a First Division game in Venice.

They are to play two matches against schoolboy sides in Rome.

Most of the matches will be played in the south of England, where they will play against schools and youth sides.

A number of First Division games will be seen, including one featuring Southampton.

Southampton striker Mick Channon was the guest player for Newcastle KB Raiders earlier in 1981.

The squad has been drawn from all over Northern NSW.

The players are: **Macquarie:** Michael Hampton, Shaun Easton, Darren Alcock, Robert Botham, Mark Williams; **Newcastle:** Brian Burgess, Douglas Warne, Stuart Chandler; **New England:** Andrew Core; **Richmond-Tweed:** Mark Ryan, David Sharp; **Central Coast:** Craig Barry, Paul Green, Stephen Barnett; **Hunter Districts:** John Robinson; **Lower North Coast:** Ian Rose.

NORTH COAST REFEREES IMPROVE THEIR STATUS

Lismore referee Barry Such is one of two officials on the North Coast who holds qualifications to control State League matches.

At 33 years of age, Barry has been handling matches for 15 years.

He has held a Grade One badge for five years.

Barry sees the Northern NSW State League and its extension into major country areas as giving promising country players the chance to improve their football without moving to the city.

"The standard in country areas is not as good as Newcastle's best clubs, but they have been around for a long time.

"Give it a few years and the country clubs will be right up there," he said.

At this stage Coffs Harbour's Terry Clayton and Sawtell's Jack Moffit are on the verge of gaining Grade One ratings.

THORNTHWAITE OFF TO WATFORD

Melita's promising youngster, Brett Thornthwaite, is off to Watford in the English Second Division next month.

Thornthwaite, who will be away for three months, also spent some time in England earlier this year.

JUNIOR SERIES GETS SPONSOR

Associated Midland, Melita Eagles' first grade sponsor, will be sponsoring Melita's junior training programme, which will start on the first Tuesday in November.

The course, to be held at Everley Park on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for four weeks, will be for kids between the ages of 10 and 16.

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KEITH GILMOUR ON

JUNIOR SOCCER

BANKSIA JUNIORS EXCEL IN ST GEORGE

Banksia United Soccer Club, formed for the 1980 season, have won the St George Soccer Association Club Trophy for the second year running.

The club is grateful for the work put in by their efficient coaching staff led by university student Tony Soubris.

This year Banksia entered six junior teams from under 8 to under 14 grades and were rewarded with five competition wins.

Surely a remarkable feat for such a new club.

Club president is former international referee Frank Sbisa.

Frank said: "We have children of seven different nationalities happily integrated into our club.

"We have achieved an elusive blend in the St George Association that is often missing in the senior ranks, even up to international level."

Pindari Interiors of Mascot sponsored the club this season.

Frank Sbisa is showing his keen promotional flair once again.

The Banksia committee will stage a big Gala Day on Sunday, October 25 at the St George Stadium.

Junior matches, marching girls go on display and there is to be an exhibition match in which former internationals Johnny Warren, Atti Abonyi, Manfred Schaefer, Ray Richards, Ron Corry and many others are to take part.

John Glynn hits out:

LIMIT TROPHIES AND INCREASE COACHING

Well-known Soccer identity John Glynn, from the Penrith area, has made a special appeal to junior clubs.

He asks the clubs to revise their policies over the pennants and trophies that are handed out at the end of the year for almost every conceivable reason.

John Glynn says: "I will make my annual plea to junior clubs to re-think this annual wastage and determine at their annual meetings to turn this money into additional training equipment and paying for volunteer coaches to obtain coaching qualifications.

"This would assist the boys to obtain skills and dampen an insatiable desire for useless trophies."

He feels that hundreds of dollars (many, many thousands, in fact) are going down the drain on final days, trophy days and the like.

It is no use condemning the social side of Soccer for the suburban, town, church and school clubs, because the junior clubs exist for the sport and the comradeship, as well as to build big-time players for the future.

But even if trophies were decreased and half the money transferred into better coaching projects to benefit the youngsters, then we in Australia will be a deal further along the road in the improving of Soccer skills.

A man-to-man confrontation as Kevin Limb of Colyton High School tries to slip past a determined Shalvey High defender in the final of their schools Soccer competition. Kevin Limb, a NSW representative, helped his team through to a 2-1 victory.

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ALL-AGE — North Caringbah 3 Mt Druitt 1, West Pymble 6 Canterbury 0.

TIM WHITE'S IMPORTANT MELBOURNE APPOINTMENT

by Keith Gilmour

Recently-appointed Victorian Director of Coaching Tim White has the right blend of knowledge to do the job that is needed in the Garden State.

Apart from his English experience and previous term in Melbourne, he is well aware of the administration and promotional principles that have made Soccer such a big hit with the juniors right across Queensland.

He coached Townsville Kern United in the Queensland State League and is well aware of the principle of suburban community Soccer clubs that have led to over 3,000 youngsters playing the game in the city of Townsville.

Numbers of players should be encouraged in the thousands, bringing parents' and friends' interest from right across the community.

Although the numbers playing Soccer in Melbourne remain small proportionately to the playing strengths in Queensland, Northern NSW, NSW and the ACT on a population basis, the right techniques will bring progress.

The Victorian countryside is starting to sprout with local and junior clubs, giving increasing hope for the further expansion of the code.

It is entirely counter productive to suggest to the Victorian Soccer Federation and the Victorian Junior League MC annual meeting that they might send delegates to Sydney and Newcastle to study their local district and junior Soccer organisations.

Perhaps they could visit Brisbane and examine their set-up to see what could happily be adapted for Victorian use.

Queensland has a model of zones that cover every square centimetre of that huge state.

The zones are Far North, North, North-West, Central, Wide Bay, South, Brisbane North and Brisbane South.

They applied the simple little principle of decentralisation to their organisation, and ten years later look where they are.

What is the Victorian equivalent of Townsville, Mareeba, Rockhampton, Bundaberg and Ipswich playing the the State League?

Well, it is something like Ballarat, Bendigo, Shepparton, Geelong, the La Trobe and Sale joining in.

And Australian youth players deserve the chance of playing in nothing less than a State League that includes thriving clubs from just those areas.

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JOHN DOYLE SETS STANDARDS IN SOUTHERN & EASTERN

For many years Sydney City Soccer Club, formerly Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs, lacked a worthwhile junior nursery.

And Southern & Eastern Soccer Football Association was so much the "Cinderella" of Sydney junior Soccer that they were almost forced to amalgamate with St George, Canterbury or Western Suburbs.

But S&E soldiered on, weathered the storm, and have now built up to the extent that they show out well in most representative competitions in which they compete.

It was essential for the future of Sydney Soccer at ground roots level to have a good competition in the district as there are so many migrant families in the area, as well as "established" Australians.

Recently Sydney City has seen the wisdom of giving the S&E every support, and former international and State League star John Doyle is on the job as Director of Coaching in the district.

John Doyle has plenty to offer. Apart from his football prowess, as a high school teacher he well knows the education front as well.

We print his valuable comments on his first year in the position, by courtesy of Southern & Eastern Soccer News:

Many of the juniors in the Southern & Eastern areas show that it is a potential nursery for future top grade Soccer talent, especially if a heirarchy of capable technical coaching is created.

We have at the moment a loyal group of parent administrators, ably assisted by parent coaches, keen on self-improvement for the benefit of their players.

They are few in numbers however, and must be augmented.

The best way to do this is to formulate a coaching association with aims to encourage wider participation and to raise coaching standards by education.

Top players of the past or present do not necessarily make good coaches, possibly because they do not have the patience, concern or observational ability to identify with the needs and problems of the learner.

JOHN DOYLE

However the probability is such that these types of person could ideally be the coaches we are looking for.

He or she has the fundamentals at their boot-laces, so to speak, and demonstration ability to burn.

All of the ingredients necessary, except desire, to put something back into the game, to work with the most valuable commodity the future of the game has: its youth.

Further education of player-coaches and recruitment or present and past players as coaches should stand as a priority for such a coaching association.

The assistance of Mr Eric Worthington, the National director, would be sought in inaugurating the project.

I have had the pleasure over the past few months to watch the efforts of the coaches in this area being reflected in the skills of their teams and individuals:

The Pagewood and Maccabi under 8s where Steven McComb of Pagewood stood out as one of the best runners off the ball I have ever seen in this age group.

Other names come to mind of boys with futures: Gabriel Kalkandis, Peter Cookson, Con Tsimlas from SE Under 14, Robert Sanmartino, Alan Gilbert, James Howlet and Clifford Jackas from SE Under 15 and Harry Ree, Alex Bundalo, Keith Eve and Theo Adam from the S.E. Under 16 team.

There are many other potential brilliant stars — Paul Fisher, Robert Kera and Ricky Somboli from Sydney City Juniors.

Continue the coaching for boys like these, improve it, its possible and you have the necessary nursery of talent for the parent club of the area, the very successful Sydney City outfit.

The names of the above and other boys of the area have been forwarded to the Sydney City executive and coaches.

The progress of talent in this area is being monitored with any eye on the future. A coaching association will help in this regard.

Eddie Thomson, the successful Sydney City coach, and Sydney Olympic's utility player Ken Wilson are both on the ball with two young charges at Sydney Cricket Ground No 2. The keen young students are Danny Kline (left) and Dimitri Biasi.

Craig Johnston, a local product from Newcastle who was signed for $1.6 million from Middlesbrough to Liverpool, has a bit of cheeky Australian youth on his hands when Tony Mobbs snapped this picture. Local coaching director Dave Percy looks on. Craig took a number of coaching clinics when he has here for his marriage prior to the current English season.

Here is the Marsden High School Girls Soccer team, winners of the NSW State knockout competition for the year. The players are: Sandra Durie, Lorraine Klempt, Lynne Higgerson, Polly Kolotas, Miriam Varga, Carol Guidice, Helen Houseman, Karen Boggs, Michelle Gay, Christine McDonald, Teresa Anderson, Jenny Dvorik, Janelle Moore, Vali Giardina, Vicki Lang and coach Glenn Dudley (top right).

The value of a highly capable coach was demonstrated once again as Leichhardt's under 16 team went on to capture both NSW and Sydney Metropolitan championship honours in the very strong NSW Youth League competition. Coach Cliff Van Blerk was one of APIA-Leichhardt's great defenders of yesteryear. Bob Morrison is the team manager.

The players are L to R from top: Domenic Zucaro (goalkeeper); Mouron Mouawad (striker), Gary Van Egmond (striker), Ennio Morson (midfielder), Michael Sestanovich (striker), Steven Mahoney (defender), Vito Zurlo (midfielder), Leo Crillo (striker), Arthur Suinos (midfielder), Tony Genovese (striker), Marinko Ivancic (defender), Michael Rossi (striker).

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

POLONIA TEAM UP FOR SALE

Polonia have put their entire team on the transfer list for the present time, and two clubs who have expressed more than passing interest in players are Marconi and Blacktown.

St George are also interested in Polish goalkeeper, Ziggy Kalinowski.

Kalinowski returned to Poland recently to see his family, but he will be returning, with his family, in five or six weeks.

Here are the prices Polonia have put on their first grade players: $50,000 - Kalinowski; $25,000 - R. Budini; $20,000 - Galas; $15,000 - Garlowski, Sobczyk, Wisniewski; $10,000 - Lemanczyk, A. Budini, Sookee, Harris; $5,000 - Noble, Jirsa; $3,000 - Maitre, Divani; $1,000 - Zounis, Simone. Dickson, Pahor, Isherwood are free players.

That's a value of $200,000 for their first grade squad in 1981.

Polonia president, Mike Kordek, says the club won't be "stupidly stubborn" about the above figures in negotiations for players.

A decision on the coaching position for 1982 will be made after a meeting of members and the annual general meeting.

GREEDY WANTS TRANSFER

Goalkeeper Terry Greedy has filed a transfer request after two years at Melita.

He said his reason for wanting to move was that he wanted to try to break into PSL football.

"I want to have a go and see if I can make it in the PSL," he said. "I'm leaving on good terms."

The transfer fee is $1,000.

Greedy (26) played all his football in his home town of Lismore up until four years ago, when he was transferred to Sydney as a school-teacher. He played two seasons with Bankstown and two with Melita.

He has had some brilliant games this year, especially the two competition matches against St George.

After the first game, a 2-0 win to St George, Saints coach, Frank Arok, heralded him as the best goalkeeper in the whole Oceania region.

MONARO STILL TRAINING

Monaro are still in training for the local "Argentina Cup", between themselves, two NSW Southern League sides, and a combined team of Argentine players in Australia.

Coaching the squad is 1981 second grade coach, Jim Hewson, as this year's first grade coach, Joe Arquero, has finished his contract.

The club look like losing their secretary from the past four years, Tony Reale, after the AGM on October 19.

MARK FRANCIS

Here are the results of the club's presentation awards:

Best and Fairest — Mark Francis.

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Clubman of the year — Gerald Crawford.

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FIELD NARROWED FOR MELITA JOB

Melita Eagles have narrowed the field for their vacant coaching position, with a decision expected by the end of October.

There were six applicants for the first grade coaching job, but the club has narrowed the list down to three, of which one is last year's coach, Vic Dalgleish.

Rumours which invariably go round suggest former Queensland Director of Coaching, Denis Ford, and John Stoddart (as player-coach) are under consideration.

Ray Farrugia was named as Melita's player of the year last Friday night, with his award being presented by Dr Joseph Brincat, a minister of the Maltese Government who was in Australia for the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting.

Farrugia, a midfielder, won another trophy as the leading goalscorer in first grade.

Sweeper Paul Daley (17) won the Mark Ross Memorial Trophy for the most promising player in the club, with the trophy presented by Mark's father.

In second grade, Warren Smith was named player of the year, goalkeeper Steve Luxford won the most promising player trophy, and Vic Gauci was the leading goalscorer. The third grade player of the year was Charlie Eros, the most promising player was Brett Thornthwaite, and top goalscorer was Mark Murray.

ADAM MOVES ON

Victoria

Greg Blake

True to his word, Jim Adam has left the coaching position at George Cross after a one season stint.

Adam, who coached West Adelaide to the 1978 PSL Championship, is keen to return to PSL ranks after a "disappointing year" with the Cross.

JIM ADAM

After George's poor 1980, Adam helped lift the club into fifth place this season and after spending many weeks in the top four their rags-to-riches story was only dashed in the final 25 minutes of the final match of the season.

Needing only a draw to stay in the four, they were catapulted out by Doveton in their cut-throat clash when the Doves scored twice late in the match for a 2-1 victory.

Adam has recommended two of Georgie's longest-serving players, Norm Maitland and Billy Wilkinson, to the committee as his replacement.

VIC. STATE LEAGUE GOALSCORERS TOP SCORERS:

20-Ian Loughnane (Croy)
Gus MacLeod (GG)
Charlie Egan (Frank)
12-Jim Sahinidis (North)
11-Bobby Toal (GC)
10-Kevin Inness (Alt)
Noel Mitten (Ess)
9-Graham French (Hak)
Kit Greechan (GG)
Norrie Pate (Sun)

NORTHCOTE CITY
Sahinidis 12
Vasic 6
Stetsos 4
Fakos 3
Kalifatidis 2
Rujevic 1
Nicholaides 1
Kriaris 1
Moulis 1
own goal 1

JUVENTUS
Ristovski 6
Incantalupo 5
Penzo 4
Cavalleri 2
Heery 2
Cunningham 1
Tarquinio 1
Vaccarro 1

ALTONA CITY
Inness 10
Whyte 3
O'Boyle 2
Watters 2
McGarrigle 1
Murphy 1
Little 1
Jones 1
own goal 1

RINGWOOD CITY
Sinclair 7
Greener 7
O'Reilly 6
Thom 5
O'Callaghan 3
Mensink 1
Anderson 1
Tattersall 1
Luyten 1

DOVETON
Cherrie 7
Thurlow 5
Irvine 4
Quin 3
McLaughlin 2
Bone 2
Train 1
Bentley 1
Corke 1
Whitehurst
own goal 1

CROYDON CITY
I. Loughnane 20
P. Loughnane 4
Wade 4
McCombe 3
★ Brogan 2 ★
Wassell 1
Hobson 1
Denridder 1
Howarth 1
★ Player Transferred

FRANKSTON CITY
Egan 20
Buchanon 6
Tutill 2
Adams 1
Campbell 1
Burrows 1
Webb 1
Stewart 1
Gillespie 1

ESSENDON CROATIA
Mitten 10
Brogan 7 (2 For Croy)
Adams 6
Gilder 4
Batanovic 4
Kerr 3
Murphy 3
Bannon 3
Kokoska 1
Andrews 1
own goal 1

GREEN GULLY AJAX
MacLeod 20
Greechan 9
Wall 4
Morrey 3
Wallace 3
Paul Lewis 2
Gardiner 2
Peter Lewis 1
Williams 1
A. Bennett 1
own goal 1

GEORGE CROSS
Toal 11
Paparis 5
Mizzi 3
Bannon 3
Rigby 2
McKinley 1
Flaherty 1
Farmer 1
Gambin 1
Kent 1

SUNSHINE CITY
Pate 9
Bain 5
Nelson 3
Morovic 2
Mussell 2
Taylor 2
Mudrinic 2
McRobert 2
Ellis 1
McNally 1
own goal 1

HAKOAH ST KILDA
French 9
Jordanou 5
McClunie 4
Webster 3
Kent 3
Davidson 1
Dosen 1
Rooney 1

Illawarra

Phil Murphy

Coniston coach Robert Fryer expects to be at the helm of the club again next season.

Fryer took Coniston to their first premier league grand final win this season and is keen to have another go.

He has an open-ended two-year contract with the club and officials will no doubt sign him up again.

Fryer has been with Coniston for three seasons after coming back to the South Coast from Apia.

★ ★ ★

Illawarra premier league clubs are waiting to have a look at the Wollongong Wolves retained players' list.

It must be finalised by October 31 and some players will obviously be disappointed.

If the players concerned want to stay in the area they could get good contracts with district clubs.

With top clubs paying big money in Illawarra these days there could be an "auction" in progress early next month.

★ ★ ★

Goalkeeper Gary Gibbons must have set some kind of record recently.

He played in Figtree's reserve grade side which beat Helensburgh 5-0 in the grand final.

Gibbons had his first training session with Figtree just three days earlier.

Formerly with Corrimal, Gibbons had decided to give the game away early in the season.

When Figtree lost first-choice keeper Shaun Billington, in a motor-bike accident on the previous Tuesday, Figtree sent out an SOS for help.

Coach Luke Robaard spoke with Gibbons and he was only too pleased to go straight into a grand final.

★ ★ ★

There should be heated debate on two resolutions when Illawarra Soccer Association hold their annual meeting on October 25.

Fernhill Club have moved that teams not be allowed to play in the premier league unless they have junior teams.

This affects Lysaght's and Cringila only and could have a vital bearing on their future.

Cringila have done a lot of work developing their Crehan Park ground and are poised to spend $20,000.

Half of the this amount is for further ground improvements and the rest will buy new players.

Fernhill and Unanderra have moved to disband the second division competition.

They want just two divisions with 14 teams in each.

The association will have three new faces in top jobs for next season — secretary, players' registrar and judiciary secretary.

Who knows? They might even appoint an official publicity officer.

★ ★ ★

Oak Flats may have finished bottom of the premier league but their under 19 team did well.

After a 1-1 draw with neighbours Shellharbour in the grand final, Oak Flats won the replay 1-0.

Midfielder Frank Hendriks scored the winning goal in a tight, fast-moving game.

The club appears to have plenty of talent on the way up, including David and Dennis Rayner, along with Wayne Eagleton.

Oak Flats are coached by first grade striker Paul Rawson with Tony Murphy the manager.

★ ★ ★

Prospective coaches have the chance to go for their ASF preliminary badge in the near future.

Staff coach with the ASF, Casey de Bruin, will supervise the course at Balgownie Sportsground.

They go over two weekends — November 28-29 and December 5-6 from 9am to 5pm.

The course covers theory and practical sessions.

Cost of the course will be $35 and applicants should contact Ken Morton at 84 7135.

The course is certain to prove popular with experienced players who feel they want to go into coaching at the end of their playing days.

★ ★ ★

Bulli coach Tony McDonald feels he needs only two strikers to make his team fire next season.

McDonald has just finished his first year at Bulli and the young side came on well in the last few games.

The coach says there is plenty of talent there if only he can get someone to score goals.

He watched Balgownie's Kevin Bradley and Neil Grant in the recent second division grand final and they could be on his "shopping list."

IRISH "REBEL" NOT A CHEAP BUY

Now that Irishman George Best is once again up for grabs, several British clubs seem to imagine they'll get him for a song. They should think again.

San Jose Earthquakes, the American club for whom Best plays, are determined to get a big fee if he's sold.

In fact, San Jose claim they don't want to sell him at all.

A San Jose official says: "The fans here love George Best. If we got rid of him, our supporters would go crazy. People are still talking about the fantastic goal he scored against Fort Lauderdale — best goal of the season.

"To even think of selling George, we would need a very big offer. We have had no offers yet."

Best, meanwhile, will not return to his first club, Manchester United, despite several stories that he would.

It seems United manager Ron Atkinson has had second thoughts about taking on the sort of headaches he might inherit if the Irish star returned to Old Trafford.

And at the suggested fee of $500,000 which San Jose are looking at, those could be expensive headaches for any buying club.

GEORGE BEST

HUGGING AND KISSING — FIFA'S TOP MAN EXPLAINS

The recent recommendation from FIFA that clubs should discourage players from hugging and kissing and other unmanly demonstrations after they score goals has got a poor reception from most players.

They now take it as normal to indulge in wild displays of enthusiasm and there is no way in the world they will just make do with an old-fashioned handshake from a team-mate.

Just after arriving in Australia for the World Youth Championships, Dr Joao Havelange was asked about this recent clamp down.

The FIFA president gave the impression that the suggested restrictions were not so much aimed at the huggers and kissers. What does upset FIFA is the way players, having scored a goal, run off the field to receive the homage of their fans on the terraces.

Dr Havelange said: "Strictly speaking, referees should give those players the yellow card because they have left the field without permission. In future, that is what will happen and this should correct the situation."

KEMPES AND MARADONA

Menotti, the Argentinian "football messiah" insists that the Kempes - Maradona tandem will be the strongest in Spain next year.

However, West German national coach, Jupp Derwall, is of different opinion. Breitner - Rummenigge is certainly the better pairing, insists Derwall.

★ ★ ★

Who can predict a winner?

This is the question posed by the supporters of Sarajevo in Yugoslav first division, after 12 rounds.

In the last three rounds Sarajevo has beaten Red Star at home 2-1, then Hajduk away from home 4-1(!). Alas, the form somehow faltered at home in the next game, where Sarajevo suffered a humiliating 4-1 defeat at the hands of Sloboda.

CHICAGO WIN NASL "GRAND FINAL"

Soccer many be going through a slump in some North American centres but the crowds still turn out in large numbers for important matches.

The Soccer Bowl, to establish the champions of the North American Soccer League (NASL), was played in Toronto this year — and the crowd of 36,971 was the biggest ever to watch the sport in the Canadian city.

The result of that NASL "grand final" was victory for Chicago Sting over New York Cosmos, but it had to be settled on a shoot-out.

The 90 minutes of normal time produced no goals and there was still no score after extra-time. So the shoot-out was needed to find a winner.

Karl-Heinz Granitza and Rudy Glen scored for Chicago in the shoot-out while Vlado Bogicevic was the only scorer for New York.

Seninho, Giorgio Chinaglia, Ivan Buljan and Bob Iarusci all missed their shoot-out attempts for Cosmos. Chinaglia commented: "It is a sad day for me and for Cosmos. I think Chicago wanted the win more than us — and they took it."

Cosmos' Wim Rijsbergen was bitter about losing, particularly since his team finished in first place in the table at the end of the normal season. Chicago were second.

"If they are the better team, they should have finished first in the regular season," said Rijsbergen.

Even so, most neutral observers were pleased that Chicago upset the lavish spenders of the NASL.

SWISS ROLL ROMANIANS!

Romania's fears about meeting World Cup minnows Switzerland for a place in the Cup in Spain next year were well-founded.

Before Sunday's match in Bucharest — which looked a certain two points for the Romanians — many local Soccer experts said they were apprehensive because Romania always struggles against the Swiss.

But even the greatest of pessimists could not have expected the Swiss to leave Bucharest with a 2-1 victory under their belts.

Two late second half goals gave Switzerland the result which now throws European Group Four wide open once again.

England, despite several poor results, are not out of the race for Spain 1982. England will play Hungary at Wembley in what could be the decider in this Group, but before that Hungary face what could be easy home games against Switzerland and Norway.

England team manager Ron Greenwood described Switzerland's win in Bucharest as "a tremendous result for England!"

BIG SPENDERS BARCELONA

Barcelona, the arch rival of Real Madrid in Spain, opened its wallet in search of talent for the new season.

Udo Latek was engaged as manager, and soon after Berndt Shuster of West Germany found his way into the team.

Danish star Simonsen has signed for another year giving Barcelona a very strong attacking line-up.

Latek was told . . . win the title or else!

Purchases were made despite the fact that the club is in financial difficulties.

CLUBS CANNOT PAY BILLS

Sky-high wages are crippling Soccer in many nations of the world.

Most countries have suffered a critical loss of spectators and this coupled with the high wages has actually put the future of the sport in doubt.

Argentine, not a wealthy nation, provides a case in point. Diego Maradona was transferred for a figure put by some at $10,000,000 and the club which bought him, Boca Juniors, found it couldn't settle the instalments!

The Maradona case is typical of what is happening in a lot of countries as clubs, desperately trying to buy success, find they are over-stretched financially.

England, often put forward as a model for the world of Soccer, is now literally struggling to survive as a power in the game.

One of its greatest clubs, Arsenal, lost something like $2,000 per day in the last financial year — and they're one of the more prosperous clubs!

Now the chairman of the Football League, Jack Dunnett, has come out with a blunt warning: "Only a miracle can save Soccer. There are fewer people watching the game. Clubs have mounting expenses and losses increase all the time. Some English third and fourth division clubs pay 200 percent of their gate receipts in wages."

Mr Dunnett's own club, Notts County, attracted a meagre 12,559 for the match against Ipswich Town, one of the most attractive sides in Britain.

Just after the war (1948-49) 41,000,000 spectators watched Football League games. In 1980-81 the figure had slumped to 22,000,000 and it's still falling.

The English experience is being repeated all over the world.

KIWIS CLAIM THEY WERE ROBBED

New Zealand are convinced they were robbed by bad refereeing in their World Cup qualifying match against Kuwait in front of a very big crowd at Mt Smart Stadium, Auckland.

Kuwait won 2-1 but the Kiwis were bitterly upset about the awarding of two second half penalty kicks to Kuwait.

Indonesia referee Hardjowasito was the main target for the wrath of the Auckalnd fans. He and his Thai linesman were attacked after the final whistle by the disgruntled mob.

The free kick went three to one in favour of Kuwait and this clearly incensed the spectators.

Kuwait's important win, plus Qatar's outstanding results in the World Youth Championships in Australia, are firm pointers to Soccer's growth and improvement in the Arab nations on the middle east.

WORLD RESULTS

USSR

Dy Kiev — Tbilisi	1:3
Dy Moscow — Baku	1:0
K Tavria — Tor Moscow	1:1
Z L'grad — D'rovsk	1:0
Ar Yerev — Ch Odessa	2:3
K'nador — ASC Moscow	2:1
Minsk — Donetsk	1:1
Sp Moscow — ASC Rostov	1:1

Dynamo Kiev lead with 48 points from 30 matches and need three points from their last four matches to win the championship.

SPAIN

Espanol — Osasuna	0:1
Valencia — Bilbao	4:0
Zaragoza — Madrid	2:2
Mercules — Betis	3:1
Sevilla — Cadiz	3:1
At Madrid — L Palmas	3:1
Sociedad — Sporting	3:0
Racing — Castellon	4:1
V'dolid — Barcelona	2:3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sociedad	5	4	1	0	10	1	9
Osasuna	5	4	1	0	10	5	9
Barcelona	5	4	0	1	15	5	8
Zaragoza	5	3	2	0	7	3	8
At Madrid	5	3	0	2	7	4	6
Racing	5	3	0	2	9	6	6

ITALY

Bologna — Milan	0:0
C'zaro — Ascoli	1:0
F'tina — A'lino	1:0
Genoa — Roma	0:1
Inter — Cesena	3:2
Juventus — C'liari	1:0
Napoli — Como	2:0
Udinese — Torino	3:2

YUGOSLAVIA

Radnicki - Teteks	0-0
Sarajevo - Sloboda	1-4
Zagreb - Hajduk	0-3
Vojvodina - R.Star	0-2
Partizan - Belgrade	1-0
Rijeka - Buducnost	0-0
Osijek - Velez	0-0
Olimpija - Dinamo	2-2
Vardar - Zeljeznicar	3-0

TABLE:

PARTIZAN	18:8	17
DINAMO	24:12	16
RED STAR	21:17	15
BELGRADE	18:13	14
OSIJEK	11:10	14
RIJEKA	18:19	14
SLOBODA	16:10	13

ASW'S POOLS GUIDE AND LATEST RESULTS

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DIVISION 1	ARSENAL	MAN. CITY	1	1	
	ASTON VILLA	WEST HAM	2	X	*
	BRIGHTON	LIVERPOOL	3	2	
	EVERTON	IPSWICH	4	X	*
	LEEDS	WEST BROM.	5	X	
	MAN. UTD.	BIRMINGHAM	6	1	
	NOTT'M FOR.	COVENTRY	7	1	
	SOUTH'PTON	NOTTS C.	8	1	
	STOKE	SWANSEA	9	2	
	SUNDERLAND	TOTTENHAM	10	2	
	WOLVES	MIDDLESBRO'	11	1	
DIVISION 2	BARNSLEY	NEWCASTLE	12	X	
	CAMB'GE U.	WATFORD	13	X	*
	CARDIFF	BOLTON	14	1	
	CHARLTON	SHEFF. WED.	15	2	
	DERBY	BLACKBURN	16	X	
	LUTON	GRIMSBY	17	1	
	NORWICH	SHREWSBURY	18	1	
	ROTHERHAM 1	OLDHAM 2	19	1	
	WREXHAM	CRYSTAL P. 1	20	X	*
DIVISION 3	BRENTFORD 3	LINCOLN 1	21	2	
	BRISTOL R. 1	SWINDON 4	22	1	
	BURNLEY 3	EXETER 3	23	1	
	CARLISLE 3	PLYMOUTH 1	24	1	
	CHESTERF'LD 1	SOUTHEND 2	25	1	
	DONCASTER 1	MILLWALL 0	26	1	
	FULHAM	NEWPORT	27	X	*
	GILLINGHAM	HUDDERSF'LD 2	28	2	
	OXFORD UTD. 1	BRISTOL C.	29	2	
	PRESTON 0	READING 0	30	X	
	WALSALL 3	PORTSMOUTH 1	31	1	
	WIMBLEDON 1	CHESTER 0	32	X	*
DIVISION 4	ALDERSHOT 3	BLACKPOOL 2	33	2	
	BURY	PORT VALE	34	1	
	HALIFAX	ROCHDALE	35	X	*
	HULL	WIGAN A.	36	1	
	NORTH'PTON	BRADFORD C.	37	1	
	PETERBORO' 1	BOURNEM'TH 0	38	1	
	SCUNTHORPE	HEREFORD	39	X	
	SHEFF. UTD.	HARTLEPOOL	40	1	
Alliance League	BARNET	KETTERING	41	1	
	DAGENHAM	SCARBORO'	42	2	
	GRAVESEND	NORTHWICH	43	1	
	WEYMOUTH	MAIDSTONE	44	1	
SCOTTISH PREMIER	CELTIC	DUNDEE UTD.	45	1	
	DUNDEE	RANGERS	46	X	*
	MORTON	AIRDRIE	47	1	
	PARTICK	HIBERNIAN	48	X	
	ST. MIRREN	ABERDEEN	49	2	
DIVISION 1	AYR	E. STIRLING	50	1	
	CLYDEBANK	MOTHERWELL	51	X	
	DUNF'MLINE	DUMBARTON	52	1	
	FALKIRK	Q. OF SOUTH	53	1	
	HAMILTON	KILMARNOCK	54	2	
	HEARTS	RAITH	55	1	

Australian Soccer Weekly selection for Saturday's games.

(1 is a home win, 2 an away win and X a drawn game. Matches marked with asterisks are our tips for score-draws).

the Pools Results

SCORE DRAWS
3 pts 2, 6, 11, 18, 21, 24, 34, 37, 38, 42, 43, 51, 52

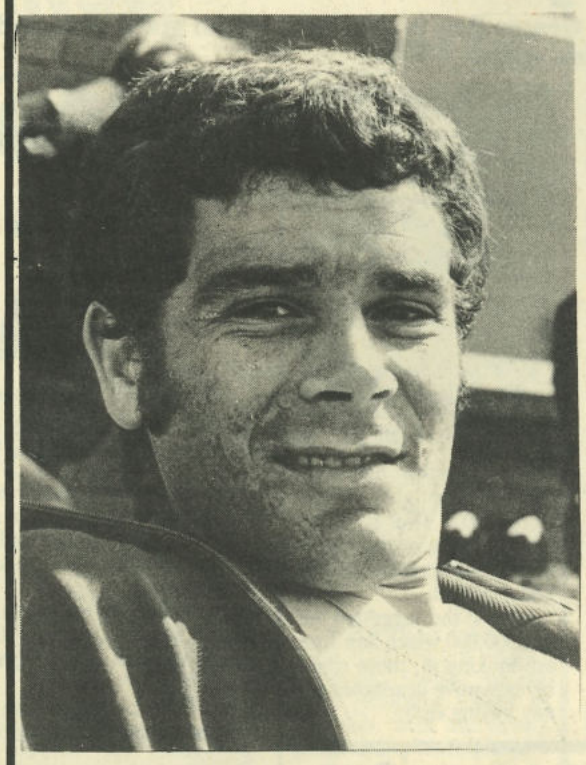
SCORELESS DRAWS
2 pts 5, 10, 23, 46, 48.

	1 /	2 3	3 /	4 /	5 2	6 3	7 /
8 /	9 /	10 2	11 3	12 /	13 ½	14 /	15 /
16 ½	17 /	18 3	19 /	20 /	21 3	22 /	23 2
24 3	25 /	26 /	27 /	28 /	29 ½	30 ½	31 ½
32 /	33 /	34 3	35 /	36 ½	37 3	38 3	39 ½
40 /	41 /	42 3	43 3	44 /	45 /	46 2	47 /
48 2	49 ½	50 ½	51 3	52 3	53 ½	54 ½	55 ½

STAR INTERVIEW

JOHNNY PERIN

TALKS TO TOM McKAIN



Two years ago we wrote the scoop story that Johnny Perin, the darling of the Adelaide City fans and one of the best ball-players in Australia, was at last going to retire.

That was after City had beaten St George in the Philips Cup Final.

Last year we almost did it again, but Perin said to "hold off until training starts, because I might have the urge to play again".

He did.

A few weeks back the Juventus (now Adelaide City) Old Boys club turned out to form a guard of honour for Perin who, they said, was retiring.

Before the game against West Adelaide, word came to the Press box that the guard of honour was for both teams in the derby game.

Later we found Perin had said he had not made up his mind about retiring.

At 33 no-one would blame him if he hung up his boots — despite the fact that after starring as a midfielder he has now proved himself one of the best sweepers in the Philips League.

So we put the inevitable question to him again.

"After 15 years in the senior side are you retiring?"

A smile in reply, and then: "Let's wait until training starts for 1982."

But the maestro does have some definite views on the game:

Q: Why so long with the one club when you could have had your pick in Adelaide and inter-State?

A: I think it speaks highly for the club that I was never interested in moving, except for that one time in 1972 when I went to Melbourne Juventus for a year, and that was only because I was getting married and my wife comes from Victoria. City, or Juventus — as it used to be, has always been part of my life since I could kick a ball. And perhaps another reason was that I would rather be a big fish in the Adelaide pond than just another fish in a big one.

Q: But what about the cash offers?

A: The club has always looked after me, although when I was a lot younger it used to upset me when people told me how good I was yet I saw some mediocre imports getting more money.

Q: Have the players changed since those early days?

A: I'm the longest serving City player now, and while I admire the present bunch of lads, I do feel we had a better line-up in the mid'60s and early 70s when we had a string of title wins, although I must admit that was in the local State League.

Q: Has the PSL improved the game?

A: In some respects it has — crowds, and some exciting imported players — but I'm afraid a majority of youngsters are not prepared to work hard enough at the game. The pace of play is much quicker, but when it comes to the young guys the basics are missing, and for this I blame lack of top coaches in junior ranks.

Q: Will you coach?

A: Yes. I already have one certificate and I will qualify as high as I can, then coach. I could have taken a club this year, but decided I wasn't ready and still wanted to play.

Q: Are you disappointed you didn't get more games for Australia?

A: Yes, but I didn't get depressed. It seems odd that I played my last international when I was 22 and yet was still rated among the best according to the critics — and that's not boasting. I'm only saying what others say. I played 13 games for Australia and 48 for SA, and in the end I opted out of the State team although I was always available in an emergency. Perhaps, on reflection, I wasn't ambitious enough. I must admit I never really pushed myself. If I was selected then I played to my maximum, but I never worried if I wasn't selected — for Australia or the States.

Q: Would you have played for Australia this time around for a World Cup place?

A: That's something you can't answer until you are selected. But I must say I felt sorry for several SA players who did not get a chance in Rudi Gutendorf's squads, although he went through about 70 players, and a week before the elimination games still didn't know his squad.

Q: You've played with roughly 15 coaches in your senior career. Does any one stand out?

A: You learn something from every coach. And, of course some are better than others. But most follow the same pattern, and several times it was the high standard of players we had that made us successful, as much as the coach. It's the workload and discipline that differs most in coaches. Rale Rasic was far ahead in his thinking for Australian Soccer. I had Mario Danielli as a coach when I was a junior, and if we had men like him with the youngsters now they could learn so much. Going back to the seniors, I'd also have to rate Tom Forde and Mario Corti.

Q: The future of the game here?

A: Clubs need cash, lots of it, and until we get sponsors who can turn the players into well paid full-timers we won't match the rest of the professional Soccer world.

Q: Any memorable games?

A: When I went on as a substitute against Manchester United against Denis Law, George Best, Bobby Charlton and Nobby Stiles.

Q: You seem unable to avoid suspensions, even in your mellow years. Any reason?

A: I blow up easy. Not physically, but I can't seem to stop myself chatting the referees. I know it's a waste of time because the rightly don't change their minds. I suppose if I added up all the suspensions they would equal a season, which isn't anything to be proud of, but there is nothing I can do about it now. But it is one aspect of my game which I hope no youngster will try to copy.

Q: Juventus being dropped as the club's name and Adelaide City substitued. Good or bad?

A: It never worried me. Everyone knows who we are, and we still have the Juventus Sports and Special Club. But if there was to be 3,000 more supporters if we reverted to Juventus, then that would be fine by me.

Q: Summer Soccer?

A: Forget it. The game and attendances will suffer. Australia is too hot. The game, as a spectacle, will drop as it becomes slower. Even then the players will become skeletons in two weeks. There must be something else we can do to improve the attendances. Can you imagine sitting in front of the TV in an air conditioned room watching the tennis or cricket then switching off the television to go and stand and watch a Soccer match in soaring temperatures?

RUSSELL LEAVES FOR TWO YEARS

By Tom McKain

Bobby Russell is returning to Scotland for at least two years.

The 25-year-old Adelaide City defender, who started his career with the Celtic Boys' Club then moved to New Zealand and was with Sydney Croatia before being signed by Adelaide City three years ago, is determined to try his luck in the UK.

"I've got a few things lined up in England and Scotland, and hope to leave by the end of October," said Russell.

"I've got to make the move now while I'm still young enough, but I'll be back to settle in Australia, and hopefully play again for Adelaide City."

THE PRESTO SOCCER QUIZ

How would you like to win a great Presto prize ?

Just answer the simple questions in ASW's PRESTO SOCCER QUIZ and send them on a sheet of paper to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, PRESTO QUIZ, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007. Please state your preference — either a leg of Presto ham or five kilos of Presto smallgoods.

All entries have to be in this office by Monday. The first correct entry opened will be the winner.

Here are the answers to last week's Presto Quiz:-

1.Australia, Argentina, England, Cameroon. 2.Spurs. 3.Les Scheinflug. 4.True. 5.Sydney City. 6.Yes.

The winner was: Peg Cavan of Flat 4, No.4 Craig Avenue, Little Manly, NSW and she chose a leg of ham. Now try this week's Presto Quiz:-

1. What was the result of the Australia v Cameroon match in the World Youth Championship ? 3-3

2. Which team won the last World Youth Championship in Japan ? Argentina

3. For which club does Steve Blair play ? S. Melbourne

4. What club did Raul Blanco coach in 1981 ? Marconi

5. How many teams play in the World Youth Championship in Australia ? 16

6. Vava coaches Brazil's Youth team — true ~~or false~~ ?

The name and address of the winner of this Quiz will be published in next week's AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY.

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AUSTRALIAN CHIT-CHAT

BLAIR, EVANS, EGAN BEST IN VICTORIA

by Peter Georgiou

Alun Evans was voted best Victorian player and Steve Blair best under 21 Victorian player at the presentation night of the Victorian branch of ASPA on Friday night.

And Charlie Egan scored an awards "double", when he added the Bill Fleming award to his 1981 Victorian Rothmans Medal.

The presentation dinner was given by the Victorian branch at the City and Overseas Club where the winners were announced and presented with the awards.

Apart from the above-mentioned winners, coach Bobby McLaughlin was voted best Victorian coach while Chris Bambridge took the honours as the best Victorian referee.

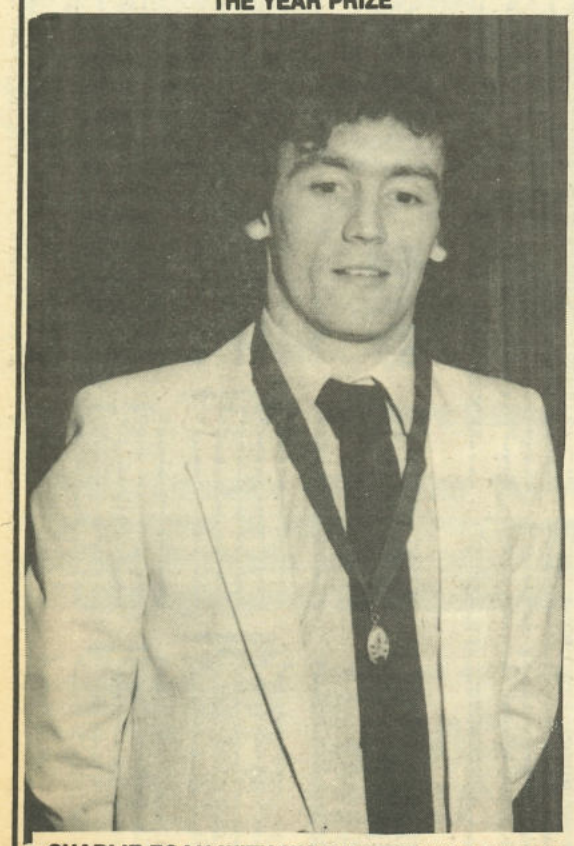
Soccer writers voted for best Victorian PSL player and best under 21 player, best coach and best referee, while the winner of the Bill Fleming award was decided by a special panel from the VSF.

Both winners, Alun Evans and Steve Blair, who won the AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY award, were not present to receive their awards. Evans was with his team in Tasmania and Steve Blair was playing with the national Youth team.

It was, however, unfortunate that South Melbourne did not send a representative to the presentation night. Former Souths player, Chris Kalafatidis, kindly offered to accept the trophies on behalf of his former team-mates.

The best Victorian team was voted as follows: goalkeeper Boland (Footscray); defenders Bannon (SM), Davidson (SM), Yzendoorn (Heidelberg), Blair (SM); midfielders Rogers (SM), Jovanovic (Footscray), Jim Campbell (Heidelberg), Lucchesi (Preston); forwards Cole (Heidelberg), Evans (SM).

ASW'S PETER GEORGIOU PRESENTS CHRIS KALAFATIDIS WITH STEVE BLAIR'S AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY VICTORIA UNDER 21 PLAYER OF THE YEAR PRIZE



CHARLIE EGAN WITH HIS BILL FLEMING MEDAL

Interesting comments from a former Socceroo, Archie Blue.

He said: "I'm not knocking the players in the present team, but not one of these kids has the skill Ernie Campbell had when he came back from Chelsea in 1967. Another player, Brian Turner, who went to Tottenham, was five times as skilful as any of the present players.

"Our Youth players are aggressive, direct, but they don't have the skills these two had."

Blue said that, of course, the success of the side was great particularly after the debacle with the national team, and that a lot of credit must go to his old Australian team-mate, Les Scheinflug (the national coach), for instilling pride back into the green and gold.

"But how many of these players will be playing in PSL sides next year?" Blue adds. "Most will go back into the youth league teams, simply because clubs are more interested in gaining top four positions than developing and nurturing the young players."

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The Egyptians won the hearts of Adelaide fans.

They appeared the most relaxed of the teams in Group C, and yet had the most frustrating arrival.

The Mexicans refused to share a bus with anyone, and the Egyptians were left stranded at the airport.

When they got to their motel rooms were not ready, and they were stranded again, this time in the motel foyer.

But they just laughed, smiled and told us through interpreters that they are not "outsiders"

They have since proved their point.

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Jim Giffin, the popular Bankstown City secretary who was assistant liaison officer with the Cameroon team, said the players were amazed by the crowd noise at their matches in Sydney and Newcastle.

He said that, although they play before much bigger crowds in Africa (up to 100,000 spectators), everyone sits in deadly silence!

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Mike Johnson, who has been with NSW First Division side, Wollongong United, for the past two years, says he intends coaching in the Illawarra area again next year.

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The West Germans caused a slight stir in Adelaide when they refused to take part in the opening ceremony, involving junior clubs for Adelaide parading with the banners of the 16 competiting nations, and introductions to local dignitaries.

They said it would upset their players' concentration, although they were not due to play until the late match, against Mexico.

The Mexicans said they would be in the opening until they heard the Germans were pulling out, and did likewise.

Spain and Egypt lined up for the preliminaries, and didn't appear to suffer any ill-effects.

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Newcastle KB's Bob Mountford broke his leg last week while playing in Wollongong's "mini-World Cup".

He was playing in the first match for the Rest of the World team, which went on to win the final with a lone goal from Neil Williams.

The final, against the Mike Johnson-coached England team, saw several Wollongong Wolves players matched against each other.

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Complying with instructions from the ASF — that NO Soccer events be held during the Youth Championship, not even junior presentations, the SA juniors are most upset.

The idea was that the kids should be allowed to watch the TV replays — but in Adelaide there are none during the day.

The Australian-Argentina match went to air at 11.30 pm and one simi-final is scheduled for ONE in the morning!

However, SAS10 is now "considering" putting some replays on in daytime slots after the tournament is finished.

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Easily the most helpful official among the touring teams is in Adelaide is Mexico's Jimmy Goldsmith.

A young Englishman with a famous financier father, he can switch from his precise English accent into perfect Mexican.

He's a super-efficient PR man with the uncanny knack of appearing to know what pressmen want before they ask.

He first met the Mexicans when their senior team toured Australia, and since then has always been one of their aids at all levels.

Now he's thinking of "going native" by settling in Mexico.

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Wollongong Wolves' coach Ken Morton has been given the all-clear to go to England and sign a striker.

The player he wants is in the Northern Premier League and he is getting plenty of goals.

With each national league club allowed four imports these days, someone must drop out of the current squad if the new man signs.

The Wolves' board have given Morton the all-clear for his budget allocation.

He feels with a good striker and a bit more authority in midfield the side will do very well.

At the recent inaugural ball of the club, captain Chris Dunleavy was named Australian Iron and Steel player of the year.

He won $1,000 coach and a $500 gold medallion donated by the company.

The youth player of the year was Phil Kerr, who has played consistently well for the "Wolf Cubs".

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Dennis Ford, previously Queensland Director of Coaching and with PSL and UK experience, is keen to coach a suitable State League club in Sydney.

He hopes to re-establish himself after a year in Canada, where he did a master's degree in sports psychology and sports physiology.

No such course is available in Australia.

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The media quickly become confused by some of the names of the Spaniards, Mexicans, Uruguayans and Brazilians.

All the players appeared to have three, or even four names.

But a Spaniard explained it to us this way:

When a child is born in Spain it takes its father's surname, then its mother's surname, plus a first name (or even two) so we have for example Sebastian (first name) Serrano (mother's name) Lopez (father's name).

But in Spain the players are usually known in the media only by their Christian names, or nicknames.

Our method of surnames became difficult with the Spanish team, which has three players with the surname Lopez.

To get round this we use the second surname as well — Lopez Serrano, Lopez Segovia and Lopez Alfaro, and when calling for TV used only the mother's name.

Now is that all clear?

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STRAIGHT SHOOTING

With MIKE MYSTAKIDIS

There is no greater crime in Soccer than not trying or not fighting. During matches by the players or outside by the administrators.

The theory behind this philosophy has been found true with Coca-Cola's third World Youth Championship. Players who tried and fought, including the great players of Cameroon, Korea, Qatar and Australia, won the admiration and applause of people in all grounds. Wherever the Australians played they left good impressions and with their "combat" influenced the spectators in the creation of a fantastic atmosphere.

"The spectators enthusiasm gave us strength and wings on our feet to win against the Argentinians 2-1, " Mark Koussas proudly announced after the match.

It was a pity that the preliminary matches for the World Cup in Spain were held earlier. The senior national team missed the opportunity to learn a lesson from our youths concerning the meaning of faith, enthusiasm and the ability to fight. These three points were unknown to them.

While our boys give the impression of this fighting spirit in matches, outside another big fighter, who never in his life met defeat, continues to have a hard battle not only with the opponents of Soccer (the fiasco at the Cricket Ground), but also with some of Soccer's friends. He and Australian Soccer were betrayed by the apathy of the national team and the mistakes of its coach and missed the flight to Spain. However, like a good landlord who cooks before he starves, he had taken care of the fantastic and successful organisation of the games of the third World Youth Championship which we are now following.

Many, in the past few months spoke of and wrote against him. No one, however, managed to take his position from him, or shut his mouth. Last Thursday night at the Sports Ground this man managed to control his opponents. He is the President of the ASF, Sir Arthur George, who for one minute raised 30,000 spectators to their feet and managed to keep everyone's mouth shut. The one minute silence was in memory of the assassinated Egyptian president, Anwar Sadat.

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The even and smooth execution of the games of the Coca-Cola Cup (which has now reached the semi-finals) was unfortunately infected and polluted in its preliminary stage by the deviousness created by English hooligans and Argentinian fans in the match at the Sports Ground on Sunday, September 4.

The photos clearly showed that these people who went to watch the game weren't Soccer fans but animals who should be locked in cages. Animals which light fires in trains, break department store windows, and "beat up" innocent people in their country often before and after their teams' games.

English Soccer and pure English Soccer fans were unfortunately again given another stabbing from the small number of their compatriots who have lost every feeling of humanity and react like wild things.

TOP SCORERS

Leading scorers in English football:—

DIVISION ONE

8 — Kevin Keegan (Southampton), David Cross (West Ham).

7 — Lee Chapman (Stoke), Mark Falco (Tottenham), John Wark (Ipswich), Terry McDermott (Liverpool), Ian Wallace (Nottingham Forest).

DIVISION TWO

7 — Ross Jack (Norwich), Roger Palmer (Oldham).

6 — Trevor Aylott (Barnsley), Ronnie Moore (Rotherham).

DIVISION THREE

7 — Gary Heale (Reading).

6 — Nicky Chatterton (Millwall), Tony Kellow (Exeter), James Mann (Bristol City), Mark Stephens (Bristol Rovers).

DIVISION FOUR

11 — Craig Madden (Bury).

9 — Bobby Campbell (Bradford), Jim Lumby (Mansfield).

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Coke adds life to Soccer

MILLION POUND PLAYER ARRIVES ON CRUTCHES

What a shock for Manchester City boss John Bond when his star signing Trevor Francis arrived at Maine Road recently limping on crutches.

Francis, who cost a million pounds when signed from Nottingham Forest not long ago, was injured in a Wednesday night match when City beat Leeds United 4 - 0.

On the Thursday morning he made his dramatic appearance at the ground — crutches and all.

Medical opinion suggested Francis would be out of action for at least six weeks.

The injury is damaged knee ligaments, and that can sometimes lead to all sorts of complications.

This injury so early in Francis' career at Maine Road emphasises the big risk clubs take when they invest such huge money on signing one man.

Manchester City are hoping Trevor Francis recovers in quick time, because the team badly needs his dash and goalscoring ability up-front.

Trevor Francis

U.K. SOCCER SCENE

NOT IN THE SCRIPT!

Dan Tana, a Yugoslavian-born Hollywood film producer, is no longer playing the lead role at Brentford football club.

Mr Tana, who has been Brentford's chairman for the past seven years, has been replaced. The new chairman is Martin Lange, a business man who has been on the Board for only a few months.

It seems the fans were agitating for a change at the top because the team couldn't score goals. They went four games running recently without getting a goal.

Dan Tana, though no longer in the chair, stays on as a director of the club.

WHERE DID ALL THE FANS GO?

Rangers are traditionally the biggest drawcards in Scottish football, with their vast army of supporters often numbering more than 50,000 at some games.

So it must have been a strange experience when Rangers met Forfar recently in a second leg game in the Scottish League Cup. Official attendance was only 4,000.

There is no doubt that, since the inception of the Premier League a few years ago, Scottish football has been split into two groups — some with fans and money, the others without those precious commodities.

Full-time professional is normal in the Premier League but it no longer operates throughout the first division.

Clubs not among the elite in the Premier division have been forced to slash their wage bills because of the poor crowds at games.

CLOUGH HITS OUT AT ENGLAND SET-UP

Nottingham Forest boss Brian Clough, writing in the London Daily Express, has called for the sacking of the entire coaching staff of the English international team.

Clough writes : "The whole coaching staff must be sacked before we can have a successful international team. I don't care who the new manager is to succeed Ron Greenwood but he'll need at least six months to get rid of his staff and select new men before he even thinks about picking an England side.

"You cannot have a successful side unless you choose the right backroom boys first. The only coach I would retain from the present lot would be Don Howe.

"He and I never got on very well but I respect the man. If he left Arsenal, the team would fall down without him. If Bobby Robson is to be the new manager — and everybody keeps telling me he's the man — he and Howe would be a good team."

Clough continues the article in similar vein, with far-from-kind comments about people connected with the English international set-up. Obviously the Forest manager is no fan of Dave Sexton, Geoff Hurst, Bill Taylor and other coaches who work with Ron Greenwood.

SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH NEW PLAN

When English football decided to encourage goalscoring and attacking tactics by awarding three points instead of two for a win, there were great hopes that the game would benefit.

Unfortunately, this doesn't seem to be working out.

Statisticians have worked on the figures and have come up with the amazing result that goals are in even shorter supply this season than last.

The first five Saturdays of 1981-82 brought 559 goals. A year ago, the total of goals for a similar number of matches was 564.

In other words, there is virtually no change. Maybe clubs cannot be "bribed" into chasing goals . . . even with the reward of three points for a win.

Norwich City lost a record $500,000 last season when they were relegated from first division. Justin Fashanu's transfer to Nottingham Forest for $1,500,000 should ease that burden.

STILL THE SWANS ARE BUYING

Everton midfielder Gary Stanley has been added to Swansea City's growing list of recruits for their first season in the first division.

The Welsh club has spent $1,300,000 on five new players since being promoted from the second division.

The transfer fee for Gary Stanley was $225,000.

It is interesting to note that John Toshack, Swansea's manager, has done most of his player-recruiting in the Merseyside area. Toshack, of course, played for many years there as a very successful Liverpool centre-forward.

GARY STANLEY

HAMMERS WORRY ABOUT PHIL'S KNEE

Phil Parkes, West Ham United's star goalkeeper, is not allowed to take goal kicks.

Parkes, who was in Australia for the Centenary international last year, has a nagging problem with his knee, although West Ham manager John Lyall hoped there would be no need for the player to have an operation.

"It is troublesome rather than serious," said Lyall.

A specialist regularly checks the goalkeeper's knee. His verdict is that there is a piece of loose bone floating in the knee and the trouble would be aggravated if Parkes kicked the ball regularly. In fact, Parkes did have to undergo an operation last week but it should not keep him out for long. With the Hammers starting the season so strongly, it would be a serious blow if anything happened to Parkes —

PHIL PARKES

BRIAN'S NOT A REAL KILLER

Brian Kilcline of Notts County is known as "killer" but team manager Jimmy Sirrell is desperately anxious for the player to lose the nickname.

Trouble is, Kilcline stands 6 ft 5 ins tall, weighs more than 14 stone and, at 19, says he is still filling out. His appearance plus his name make him a natural to be dubbed "killer."

Sirrell fears referees will expect Kilcline to be out to kill the opposition.

His fair hair and beard make "killer" look like a modern Viking, but he's actually Irish. Kilcline's parents are both from the Republic of Ireland — although he was born in Nottingham.

He could play international football for Ireland or England.

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CARTWRIGHT DOES WELL

John Cartwright, manager of England's Youth squad in the Coca-Cola Cup in Australia, could be a surprise successor to Ron Greenwood as England's football supremo.

If and when Greenwood quits, it is assumed he will be replaced by either Bobby Robson or Brian Clough — yet the long-shot tip is Cartwright.

Since he works entirely with youngsters, Cartwright is a virtual unknown. But he is doing a sound job and this has been noted by the top brass at the English F.A.

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UNITED'S NEW BOSS BACKS BIRTLES

One of the greatest disappointments in English football has been the form of Garry Birtles since he was transferred from Nottingham Forest to Manchester United.

During five months with United last season, he scored only one goal! And he was signed to provide goalscoring power.

Many United fans have written off Birtles as a complete disaster — but not United's new manager Ron Atkinson.

Atkinson is convinced Birtles will get among the goals this season in a big way.

In fact, he says he is so certain Birtles will succeed that he did not go flat out to buy Trevor Francis — who is now with neighbours Manchester City.

"Garry Birtles is a super lad and a tremendous professional," says the enthusiastic Atkinson.

But, as United followers may ask . . . "can he get goals?"

UK SOCCER

ENGLISH DIV 1

	P	HOME goals W	D	L	F	A	AWAY goals W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ipswich	9	4	1	0	9	4	2	1	1	10	7	20
Swansea	9	5	0	0	14	4	1	1	2	9	8	19
Tottenham	9	3	0	2	9	7	3	0	1	6	3	18
West Ham	9	2	3	0	10	7	2	2	0	8	2	17
Man Utd	10	3	1	1	8	2	1	3	1	4	3	16
Nottm For	9	3	1	0	6	2	1	2	2	6	9	15
Brighton	9	2	1	1	9	5	1	3	1	4	4	13
Liverpool	9	2	3	0	8	3	1	1	2	3	5	13
Southptn	9	4	0	0	11	4	0	1	4	6	15	13
Notts CNty	9	3	1	1	8	7	1	0	3	6	9	13
Coventry	9	3	1	1	12	6	0	2	2	3	8	12
Man City	9	2	2	1	7	3	1	1	2	5	9	12
Everton	9	3	1	0	8	3	0	2	3	3	9	12
Stoke	9	2	0	2	9	6	1	1	3	7	10	10
Birmngham	9	2	3	0	10	6	0	1	3	2	6	10
Aston Villa	9	0	3	1	3	4	1	3	1	6	5	9
W.B.A.	9	2	2	1	6	3	0	1	3	1	4	9
Arsenal	9	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	3	3	6	9
Middlesbro	9	2	1	1	7	9	0	1	3	1	7	8
Sunderland	9	1	2	1	2	3	0	2	3	4	10	7
Wolves	9	2	0	2	4	4	0	1	4	1	13	7
Leeds Utd	10	1	3	0	5	2	0	0	6	2	19	6

ENGLISH DIV 2

	P	HOME goals W	D	L	F	A	AWAY goals W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Luton	9	2	0	2	9	7	4	1	0	10	4	19
Watford	9	3	1	1	8	4	3	0	1	6	5	19
Sheffld Wed	9	3	1	1	6	5	3	0	1	5	1	19
Oldham	8	2	3	0	8	4	2	1	0	5	2	16
Chelsea	9	3	1	1	9	6	2	0	2	4	3	16
Newcastle	9	4	0	1	7	1	1	0	3	5	6	15
Q.P.R.	9	4	0	1	9	2	1	0	3	5	8	15
Leicester	9	2	1	1	4	3	2	2	1	9	6	15
Blackburn	9	3	0	2	5	4	2	0	2	5	6	15
Shrewsbury	9	3	1	1	9	5	1	1	2	2	7	14
Crystal Pal	9	4	0	1	8	3	0	1	3	1	4	13
Grimsby	9	1	1	3	6	8	3	0	1	6	4	13
Norwich	9	2	1	1	5	4	2	0	3	7	11	13
Cambridge	9	3	0	1	7	3	1	0	4	3	7	12
Charlton	8	3	0	0	6	1	0	2	3	3	9	11
Barnsley	9	3	0	1	8	1	0	1	4	4	9	10
Rotherham	9	3	1	0	8	2	0	0	5	2	11	10
Derby Cnty	9	2	0	2	7	6	1	1	3	5	11	10
Wrexham	8	1	0	3	4	7	1	1	2	3	3	7
Cardiff	8	0	0	3	2	9	2	1	2	7	7	7
Bolton	9	1	0	4	3	9	1	0	3	2	7	6
Orient	9	0	1	3	1	7	1	0	4	2	8	4

ENGLISH DIV 3

	P	HOME goals W	D	L	F	A	AWAY goals W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chesterfld	9	3	1	0	8	2	3	1	1	7	3	20
Swindon	9	3	0	2	11	6	2	2	0	4	1	17
Doncaster	8	3	0	1	5	1	2	1	1	4	3	16
Reading	9	2	0	3	6	10	3	1	0	5	1	16
Walsall	8	2	1	1	4	3	2	2	0	2	0	15
Newport	9	3	1	1	6	4	1	1	2	8	6	14
Gillingham	9	1	1	2	6	6	3	1	1	8	5	14
Bristol R.	9	1	2	1	6	7	3	0	2	7	4	14
Carlisle	9	3	1	0	8	5	1	1	3	4	6	14
Lincoln	9	1	3	1	8	5	2	1	1	6	3	13
Millwall	8	2	0	2	7	7	2	1	1	8	6	13
Huddersfld	9	2	2	1	7	6	1	2	1	3	3	13
Southend	9	3	1	1	6	4	1	0	3	6	8	13
Oxford	9	2	0	2	3	3	2	1	2	8	8	13
Fulham	9	3	0	1	7	4	1	1	3	4	8	13
Exeter	9	3	0	2	12	11	1	1	2	4	8	13
Portsmth	9	2	2	1	8	5	1	1	2	4	5	12
Chester	8	0	4	0	2	2	2	1	1	5	5	11
Bristol City	9	2	2	1	7	6	0	2	2	4	7	10
Brentford	9	0	2	2	1	3	2	1	2	6	7	9
Burnley	9	1	1	2	1	3	1	0	4	7	11	7
Preston	9	1	2	1	3	3	0	2	3	2	8	7
Plymouth	9	0	1	4	2	8	0	1	3	2	7	2
Wimbledon	9	0	0	4	2	9	0	2	3	5	13	2

ENGLISH DIV 4

	P	HOME goals W	D	L	F	A	AWAY goals W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bournemouth	9	3	2	0	6	1	3	1	0	5	2	21
Blackpool	9	5	0	0	19	3	0	4	0	5	5	19
Bradford	8	3	1	0	13	6	3	0	1	11	5	19
Bury	9	4	0	0	11	0	2	1	2	7	8	19
Sheffld Ut	9	3	1	0	8	2	3	0	2	8	6	19
Torquay	9	4	0	0	8	3	2	0	3	5	6	18
Peterboro	8	3	0	0	9	1	1	3	1	3	5	15
Wigan	9	4	0	1	8	3	0	3	1	4	5	15
Port Vale	9	2	2	1	3	3	2	1	1	5	4	15
Colchester	8	3	1	0	13	2	1	0	3	5	6	13
Hartlepool	9	3	0	2	9	9	1	1	2	5	6	13
Mansfield	9	1	3	1	10	8	1	1	2	3	5	10
Hereford	8	1	2	2	7	8	1	2	0	5	4	10
Stockport	9	3	0	1	9	4	0	1	4	1	7	10
York	9	1	1	3	8	10	2	0	2	7	9	10
Aldershot	8	1	1	2	5	5	1	2	1	6	7	9
Hull	9	2	1	1	6	5	0	2	3	8	12	9
Tranmere	5	0	3	2	2	6	2	0	2	5	7	9
Scunthorpe	9	2	1	1	6	6	0	1	4	1	10	8
Halifax	9	1	2	1	4	5	0	2	3	6	15	7
Darlington	9	0	3	1	4	8	0	3	2	3	7	6
Rochdale	8	1	2	1	3	3	0	0	4	1	11	5
Northamptn	9	0	3	1	4	5	0	1	4	5	15	4
Crewe	9	1	0	4	6	8	0	0	4	0	14	3

SCOTTISH PREM DIV

	P	HOME goals W	D	L	F	A	AWAY goals W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	7	3	0	0	9	3	4	0	0	10	3	14
Aberdeen	7	2	0	1	4	3	2	1	1	7	4	9
St Mirren	7	2	1	1	5	3	1	1	1	5	7	8
Hibernian	7	2	2	0	8	2	0	1	2	2	4	7
Rangers	6	1	2	1	6	5	1	1	0	2	1	7
Dundee Utd	6	2	1	0	9	3	0	1	2	2	4	6
Morton	7	3	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	1	10	6
Airdrie	7	2	0	2	9	11	0	1	2	4	10	5
Dundee	7	2	0	1	8	5	0	0	4	4	13	4
Partick	7	0	1	2	1	4	0	1	3	2	7	2

SCOTTISH DIV 1

	P	HOME goals W	D	L	F	A	AWAY goals W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Motherwell	10	4	2	0	13	5	3	0	1	11	4	16
Ayr	10	3	2	0	8	3	3	2	0	7	4	16
Hearts	10	4	0	1	8	4	1	3	1	3	3	13
Dunfrmline	10	0	3	1	4	5	4	1	1	7	5	12
Falkirk	10	2	1	1	5	2	1	4	1	11	9	11
Kilmarnck	10	1	3	1	5	4	2	2	1	5	3	11
Queens Prk	10	2	2	1	6	3	1	2	2	2	4	10
Clydebank	9	1	2	1	7	5	2	1	2	8	6	9
E. Stirling	10	2	2	2	9	8	1	1	2	4	5	9
St Johnston	10	2	0	2	4	5	1	2	3	7	10	8
Queen O' St	10	1	2	3	6	1	1	1	2	5	7	7
Hamilton	9	1	1	2	4	6	1	1	3	5	10	6
Dumbarton	10	1	0	4	4	15	2	0	3	10	9	6
Raith	10	1	1	4	2	9	0	1	3	0	6	4

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	P	HOME goals W	D	L	F	A	AWAY goals W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Clyde	9	3	2	0	9	4	4	0	0	11	1	16
Brechin	8	4	0	0	10	4	2	1	1	11	7	13
Berwick	10	3	0	1	10	4	3	1	2	10	7	13
Alloa	10	4	0	1	8	5	1	3	1	4	5	13
Forfar	8	3	1	0	12	3	2	1	1	8	4	12
Montrose	10	4	0	1	10	7	1	1	3	6	17	11
Cowdenbth	10	2	2	2	13	10	1	2	1	3	4	10
Meadowbnk	10	2	3	0	8	6	1	1	3	5	8	10
Arbroath	10	2	2	0	8	4	1	0	5	3	16	8
Albion R.	10	3	0	1	9	3	0	1	5	8	16	7
East Fife	10	2	0	2	6	6	0	2	4	7	12	6
Stirling A.	9	1	2	3	2	4	0	1	2	1	5	5
Stranraer	10	1	0	4	6	13	1	1	3	6	11	5
Stenhsmuir	10	1	3	2	7	11	0	0	4	1	10	5